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"K" Day (All)	Sunday, April 14	Sports Bag Day (All) (Coca Cola)	Sunday, July 21
Super Sundae (All) (Carvel)	Sunday, April 28	Adult Shirt Night (16 & older)	Saturday, July 27
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 12	Kids Shirt Day (15 & under)	Saturday, August 10
Mets Cap Day (All) (Baby Ruth & Butterfinger)	Sunday, May 19	Back to School (15 & under)	Sunday, August 25
Picnic Jug Day (16 & older) (Tobin's First Prize)	Saturday June 8	Poncho Day (16 & older)	Saturday, September 21
Banner Day (Emerson)	Sunday, June 9	Fan Appreciation Day (All)	Saturday, October 5
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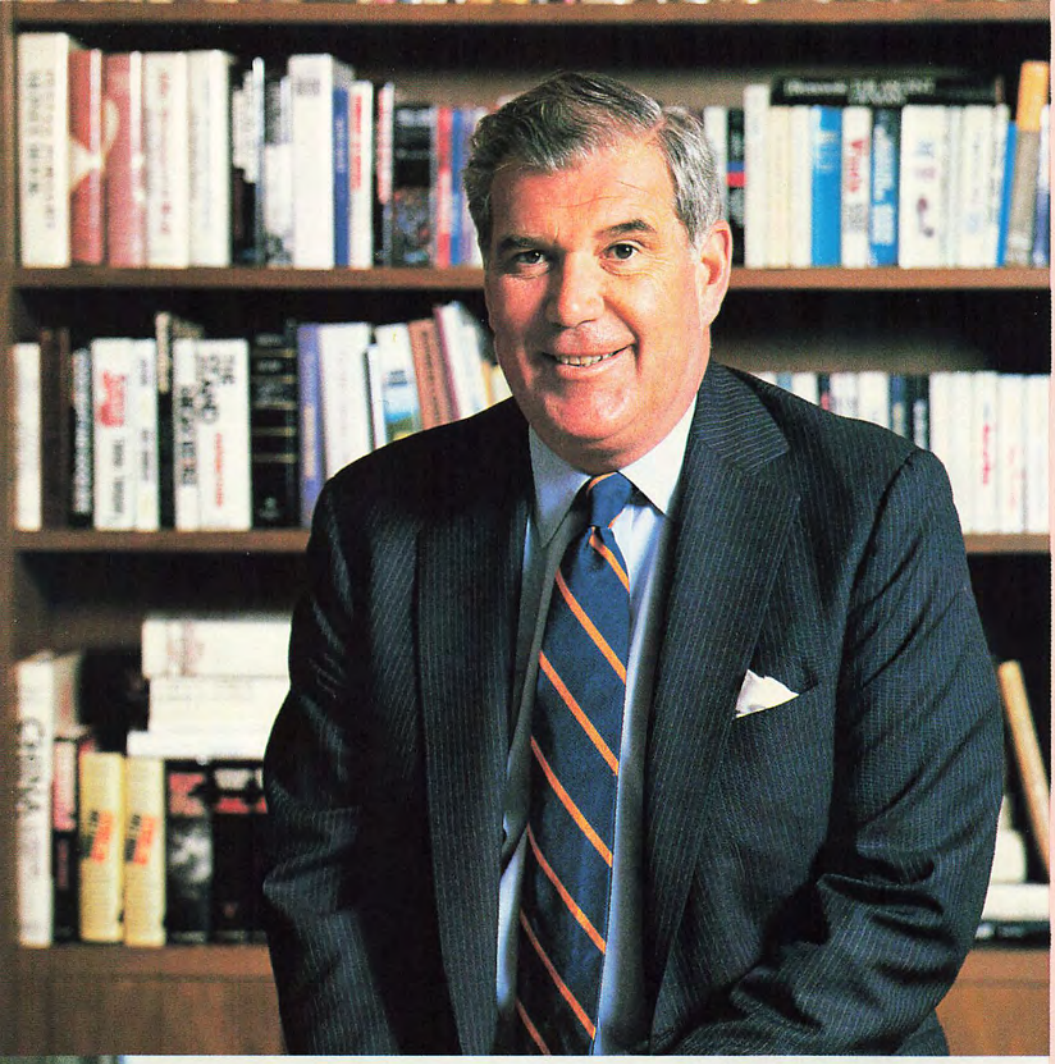

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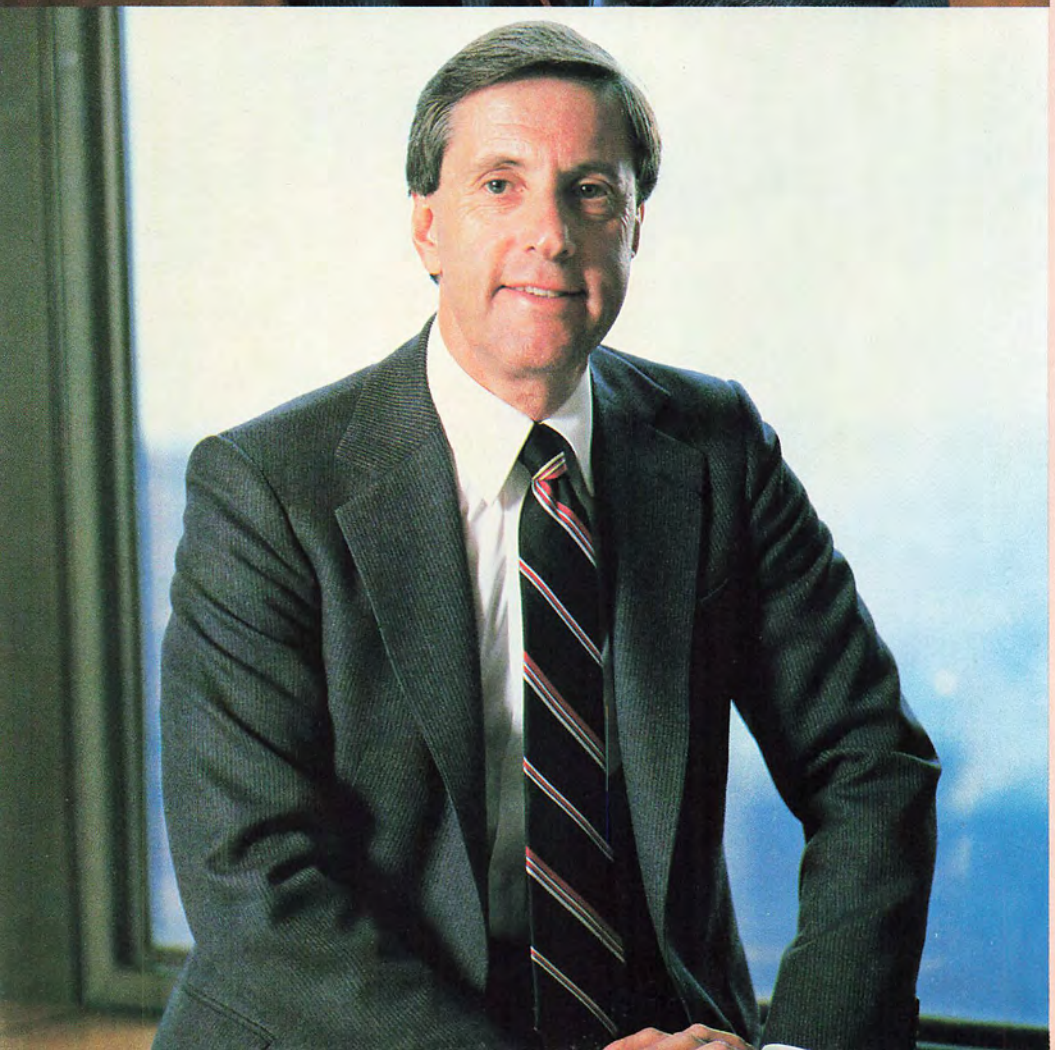

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The Man Behind the Mets

The anonymous phrasemaker who came up with the line about the best baseball deals are the ones that aren't made, never met Frank Cashen.

The Mets' general manager, unlike many of his front office counterparts, past and present, isn't a compulsive swapper. He won't make a deal just to shuffle bodies, nor will he be panicked into a transaction because of media or fan pressure.

Instead, Cashen sits back, bides his time, does his homework and waits with unusual patience for the deal he wants to make. As a result he gets a George Foster, Keith Hernandez, a Gary Carter.

These players were available to other ballclubs. The fact that they landed at Shea Stadium can't be attributed to luck or accident. "Luck," as the late Branch Rickey, baseball's all-time phraseologist and trade manipulator, used to say, "is the residue of design." Rickey, for one, never waited for so-called good fortune to appear. He induced it, made it happen.

So, too, to a degree, has Cashen. When he assumed control of the Mets in 1980, Cashen inherited a cellar-dwelling ballclub whose future, if any, was considered in the light years.

The new ownership, as do all incoming entrepreneurs, made the customary pronouncements about building a winner and repaying the long-suffering fans when they handed the franchise's frayed reins to the unassuming Cashen.

Another general manager, cast in a similar role, might have done the obvious — shake and rattle the roster, make a series of what the astute Bill Veeck calls "dog and cat" deals and start spewing money hither and yon so the customers, not to mention the omnipresent media, would think something was happening.

But that wasn't Cashen's route. A man of infinite patience, he scrutinized his roster, abstained from subscribing to the Veeckian theory of trading two $5 dogs for a $10 cat, which many accomplish by swapping one 25th man for another. He studiously refrained from tossing Nelson Doubleday's money all over the baseball landscape.

Instead of conning customers into thinking major changes and considerable alterations were underway, making a pyrotechnic display for all to see, Cashen chose to do his spadework at the bottom.

He began altering the player-poor farm system, rebuilt the vital scouting staff and carefully began seeking the parts and components that began paying very visible dividends this past season.

Long identified as a pitcher-oriented, power-poor organization, the Mets added a needed bopper in February, 1982, when they acquired George Foster from Cincinnati and proffered a contract that made him baseball's highest paid performer.

Unfortunately, Foster's maiden season at Shea failed to produce superstar numbers and when the Mets again settled in the Eastern Division coalhole, Cashen was the target for the flak that followed.

Forgotten amidst the slings and arrows of the 1982 windup, however, was the fact that on April 1 of that year Cashen engineered a trade with Texas that produced pitchers Ron Darling and Walt Terrell in exchange for Lee Mazzilli. In 1983, though Foster increased his home run production from 13 to 28 and his RBIs from 70 to 90, the Mets continued to wallow in the Eastern dungeon.

Then on June 15, in a deal that stunned Cashen's front office peers, he acquired the considerable services of first baseman Keith Hernandez whose performance, while not immediately visible in the league standings, brought an air of professionalism to Shea and its environs.

Foster, now that he had offensive assistance from Hernandez who continued his contributions in 1984, turned boos into cheers. The arrival of young Darryl Strawberry during the 1983 season indicated the refurbished and rebuilt farm system could harvest more than weeds. And this past season the emergence of Dwight Gooden helped transform the improving Mets from cellar inhabitants to bona fide contenders.

The extraordinary efforts of the fireballing righthander, who obliterated all prior strikeout statistics for a freshman, plus the heroics of Hernandez and the more comfortable Foster, had fans tossing bouquets rather than the usual brickbats.

Then, at a time when Mets' fans were readying themselves for their long winter's nap, the astute and unpredictable Cashen made the sugarplums more than a vision when he announced the arrival of perennial all star catcher Gary Carter from Montreal.

With the possible exception of Tom Seaver's return from Cincinnati in 1983, no other Mets' deal has produced the reaction generated by Carter's acquisition. The fans, of course, became animated as was witnessed by their inquiries and purchases of 1985 tickets in what could become a box office record.

Even more vital was the reaction and response of other National League clubs, chiefly those in the Eastern segment who must contend against the Mets for divisional honors. Any ideas the 1984 Shea edition was a flash in the pan or possibly one-year wonders, was quickly dispelled by Carter's coming. The feeling now in enemy camps is universal — the Mets are for real.

Frank Cashen with his three most publicized acquisitions: (L to R) at the signing of George Foster with owners Fred Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday; chatting with Keith Hernandez; and at Gary Carter's press conference last winter.

Manager

Dave Johnson

There were a lot of raised eyebrows last year when rookie manager Dave Johnson predicted that the Mets would be a winner in 1984. After all, the club had finished last with over 90 losses in each of the previous two seasons.

Well, no one laughs now when Davey talks about winning. The club pulled a complete reversal last year with Dave in control, winning 90 games—the second highest total in the team's 23-year history.

Dave, 42, has known nothing but success throughout his professional baseball career. As a player for 13 seasons with the Orioles, Braves, Phillies and Cubs, he was selected to four All-Star teams and played in four World Series. As a minor league manager, he won three championships in three seasons.

Davey joined the Mets' organization in 1981 as manager of the Jackson(AA) farm club. The following year he was a "roving" infield instructor for the entire minor league system, and in '83 he managed Tidewater to the Triple-A World Series title.

Last season, with a very young and inexperienced pitching staff, the Mets fell six and a half games short of winning the N.L. East championship. This year, with the acquisition of Gary Carter and Howard Johnson, many people are picking the Mets to win it all.

And, Dave Johnson once again is talking about putting a lot of wins on the board. The big difference this year, however, is that there are no skeptics in the audience.

Coaches

Vern Hoscheit, 63, has had a long and illustrious career in professional baseball. Vern, now in his second year as bullpen and catching coach, played minor league ball from 1941 through 1955. He managed for 13 seasons, eight as a player-manager and five as a general manager-manager, and was President of the Three-I-League in 1960 and '61. He's been a scout and has coached in the majors for four different organizations. Vern managed the Mets' rookie club at Sarasota in 1983 before joining Dave Johnson's staff last year.

When **Bill Robinson** was hired last season as the club's hitting instructor, many fans wished the Mets had signed him to play. Bill, who retired less than two years ago, belted 166 homers over a 14-year career. His finest season was with the '76 Pirates when he hit .303 with 26 home runs and 104 RBI's. The 41-year-old New Jersey native, who also played for the Yanks and Phils, is a tactitian when it comes to hitting a baseball, and his skill in imparting his approach to hitting has been rapidly and willfully accepted by the players.

Mel Stottlemyer deserves much of the credit for the Mets' dramatic turnaround last season. Mel, who won 164 games for the Yankees from 1964-1974, did a superb job guiding the league's youngest pitching staff to a 90-win season. Mel won 20 games four times with the Yankees and finished his career with a 2.97 ERA and 40 shutouts. A five-time All-Star, he once made 272 starts without a relief appearance, an American League record. Mel worked previously as minor league pitching instructor with Seattle for five years from 1977-81, and following a two-year hiatus from baseball, accepted Dave Johnson's offer last season to become the club's pitching coach.

Bobby Valentine, who played for the Mets in '77 and '78, enters his fourth season as third base coach, as well as handling infield and base running instruction. Bobby's professional career began in 1968 when he was the Dodgers' number one draft pick out of Rippowan High School in Stamford, Connecticut. A lifetime .260 hitter, he played for five teams (Dodgers, Angels, Padres, Mets, and Mariners) before retiring in 1979. He joined the organization in 1982, spending one season as minor league instructor before moving to his current duties with the Mets.

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APRIL (12-8)

April 2—For the first time since 1974, the Mets lose on Opening Day. Their major league record streak of nine straight Opening Day wins ends as they lose to the Reds, 8-1.

April 4—Ron Darling and Doug Sisk combine to shut out the Reds, 2-0, to give the Mets their first win of '84 and ignite a six-game winning streak.

April 7—19-year-old Dwight Gooden makes his major league debut a winning one, fanning five in five innings en route to a 3-2 win over the Astros. Strawberry homers.

April 8—Mets complete their first three-game sweep at Houston since 1966, winning 3-1.

April 17—Mets lose the home opener, 10-0 to Bryn Smith and the Expos, before 46,637 at Shea.

April 29—Darryl get two hits on Strawberry Sunday. Mets beat Phils and Koosman, 6-2.

(Mets finish April at 12-8, tied for first, ½ game up.)

MAY (10-13)

May 1—Mets score seven runs in sixth inning en route to 8-1 drubbing of Cubs at Shea . . . Gooden wins, fanning ten in seven innings . . . Strawberry's three doubles tie a Met record . . . Hubie Brooks' RBI single off Tim Stoddard in the sixth ignites his club record 24-game hitting streak.

May 11—Gooden fires his first major league complete game and shutout, fanning 11 in blanking the Dodgers, 2-0 at LA. Mookie Wilson goes 3-for-3.

May 25—Gooden ties Nolan Ryan's one-game Met rookie record with 14 strikeouts, en route to 2-1 win over Dodgers at Shea . . . It's the most Ks for any Mets pitcher since Tom Seaver's 14 vs. Phils in 1974 . . . Game ends as perfect Wilson-to-Chapman-to-Fitzgerald relay nails tying run (Dave Anderson) at the plate.

May 31—Brooks' single off Neil Allen extends his hitting streak to 23 games, tying Mets' record held by Cleon Jones (1970) and Mike Vail (1975) . . . Mets lose to Cards, 5-2 at Shea.

(Mets finish May at 22-21, third place, 3½ games back.)

JUNE (16-12)

June 1—Brooks extends hitting streak to a Mets record 24 games with seventh-inning single off Joaquin Andujar . . . Cards score four in ninth to beat Mets, 5-1.

June 4—Strawberry goes 3-for-3, including two-run first inning homer off Don Robinson, to lift Darling to 4-2 win at Pittsburgh . . . Win begins a six-game winning streak and a 6-1 road trip . . . Also beginning of stretch of seven wins in seven starts for Darling.

June 6—Backman dashes home on Rod Scurry's wild pitch in the 13th to give Mets 2-1 win at Pittsburgh to complete first three-game sweep at Three Rivers since 1973 . . . Bucs appeared to have won it when Lee Mazzilli tagged up and scored on Jason Thompson's ninth-inning fly ball, but Mets got second life as umps ruled that Maz had left too soon when Mets appealed the play . . . Gooden no-hit Bucs for seven innings, before Doug Frobel led off eighth with a single.

June 9—Orosco saves both games as Mets sweep Expos, 5-3 and 6-5, for first-ever doubleheader sweep at Olympic Stadium.

The Start of Something Big

June 15—Terrell and Orosco combine to shut out Cards, 5-0, and give Mets three straight shutouts for first time since 1970 . . . Mets trade minor leaguers Jay Tibbs, Matt Bullinger and Eddie Williams to Reds for pitcher Bruce Berenyi.

June 21—After being out of first place for 24 of last 36 last days, Mets move back on top with wild, 10-7 win over Phillies at Shea . . . Hernandez gets four hits . . . Orosco wins, Sisk saves.

June 23—Berenyi chalks up first Met win, scattering three hits in seven innings and combining with Sisk on 2-0 blanking of Expos.

(Mets finish June at 38-33, third place, two games back.)

JULY (21-9)

July 1—Mets begin winningest July in club history by breaking four-game losing streak with doubleheader sweep over Braves, 2-1 and 3-2 . . . Foster homers off Pete Falcone in the nightcap to become 48th player in major league history to reach 300 career mark.

July 5—Mets begin eight-game winning streak with rain-shortened, 4-3 win over Reds at Shea.

July 7—Mets begin a 24-day stretch in first place with a 14-4 rout of the Reds . . . most runs for Mets since 18 vs. Atlanta in 1979 . . . Strawberry and Wilson drive in four runs each.

July 8—Mets complete five-game sweep of Reds with 7-3 win, first five-game sweep for New York since 1970 vs. Chicago and only second in club history . . . Mets complete 9-3 homestand and go into All-Star break with Gooden, Orosco, Hernandez and Strawberry on NL squad.

(ALL STAR BREAK: Mets are 47-34 at the break, which falls at season's 81-game statistical midpoint . . . Ties club mark for best record at midway point . . . Mets are in first place at All-Star break for first time in club history, one-half game up).

July 16—Called up from Tidewater at the break, Sid Fernandez hurls seven strong innings to win Met debut, 13-3 at Houston . . . Mets get 22 hits, most since 22 vs. Cards in 1981, and tie club mark with 33 total bases.

July 19—Strawberry's three steals tie a club record in 9-6 loss at Cincinnati.

July 20—Mets begin seven-game win streak as Hernandez's sacrifice fly in the 11th beats Reds, 3-2 . . . Backman doubles three times to tie club mark . . . Mets' seventh win of year vs. Reds enables them to clinch season series vs. Cincy for first time ever.

July 24—Second extra-inning win in as many nights as Hernandez rips two-out single to center off Allen to score Wilson in the tenth and beat Cards, 9-8 . . . Keith had tied the game with eighth-inning RBI single, and had four RBI on the night.

July 25—Complete sweep over Cards as Strawberry's three-run homer keys 9-3 win.

July 27—Sellout crowd of 51,102 sees Gooden fan eight in eight innings and Backman rip RBI single in the seventh to beat Cubs, 2-1 . . . Mets were 22 games over .500 at 50-37 and led Cubs by 4½, but Cubs won next three games of series to move within 1½ . . . Three-date drew 139,063 paid (two sellouts), for biggest-drawing three-dater at Shea since 1972.

(Mets finish July at 59-42, first place, ½ game up.)

AUGUST (15-17)

August 1—Mets fall from first for first time since July 6, losing 11-2 at St. Louis.

August 5—Foster's clutch two-out, two-run single in the tenth beats Pittsburgh 3-1 . . . Wes Gardner retires all six Pirates to face him for first major league win.

August 6-8—Mets fall to 4½ back as Cubs sweep four-game set at Wrigley, outscoring New York by 32-19.

August 11—Gooden breaks a six-game Met losing streak by fanning ten and beating Bucs, 3-1 at Shea . . . Runs strikeout total to 181 to break Koosman's 1968 Met rookie record (178).

August 17—Mets beat Mike Krukow for first time since June 25, 1980 (eight straight losses), with 2-0 win at San Francisco . . . Gooden fans 12 in nine innings, while Wally Backman's two-run homer in the tenth breaks a 0-0 deadlock . . . Cubs lead down to 1½, but Mets would not get any closer.

August 22—Gooden fans nine to become 11th rookie to reach 200 mark, goes all the way to three-hit Padres, 5-2.

August 26—Chapman's grand slam off Mark Davis keys 11-6 win over Giants that breaks three-game losing streak and ignites an 8-4 homestand.

August 27—Gooden outduels Valenzuela, fanning 12 in 5-1 win over LA.

August 29—Ray Knight, acquired the day before from Houston, goes 1-for-3 in his Met debut as Mets win fourth straight, 3-2 over LA . . . Darling fans career high 12 in no-decision, as Hernandez delivers the game with a ninth-inning RBI double off Pat Zachary . . . Staub collects 2,700th career hit, becoming 39th player to reach that mark.
(Mets finish August at 74-59, second place, 5½ games back.)

SEPTEMBER (16-13)

September 1—Orosco saves both ends of 7-4, 10-6 doubleheader sweep of Padres at Shea, running season total to 29 and breaking Tug McGraw's 1972 club record of 27.

September 2—Foster's RBI single in the 12th beats the Padres and Gossage, 3-2 . . . Mets take four of five games in weekend series against eventual NL Champs.

September 7—Gooden one-hits Cubs, 10-0, allowing only Keith Moreland's fifth-inning infield single . . . His 11 strikeouts run his season total to 235, breaking the NL rookie record of 227 set by Grover Cleveland Alexander with the Phillies in 1911.

September 12—Gooden fans 16 Pirates in a 2-0 shutout at Shea, running his season total to 251 to break Herb Score's major league rookie mark of 245, set with the Indians in 1955.

September 17—Gooden fans 16 for the second straight game, but loses a 2-1 heartbreaker to the Phillies at the Vet.

September 25—Staub strikes the game-winner for the second night in a row, as his pinch homer in the ninth off Larry Andersen gives the Mets a 6-4 win over the Phils . . . Staub joins Hall of Famer Ty Cobb as the only players to homer both before their 20th birthday and after their 40th.

September 26—Wilson and Santana belt homers (for Rafael, it's his first in the majors) to lift Fernandez to a 7-1 win over the Phillies . . . Mets close out the home season by sweeping a six-game homestand.

September 29—Strawberry homers and Knight goes 4-for-4 to give the Mets their 90th win of the year, by a score of 8-4 over Montreal. (Mets finish at 90-72, second place, 6½ games back.)

November 19—Dwight Gooden named N.L. Rookie of the Year.

December 10—Mets pull off one of the biggest trades in their history when they acquire Gary Carter from Montreal for Hubie Brooks, Mike Fitzgerald, Herm Winningham and Floyd Youmans.

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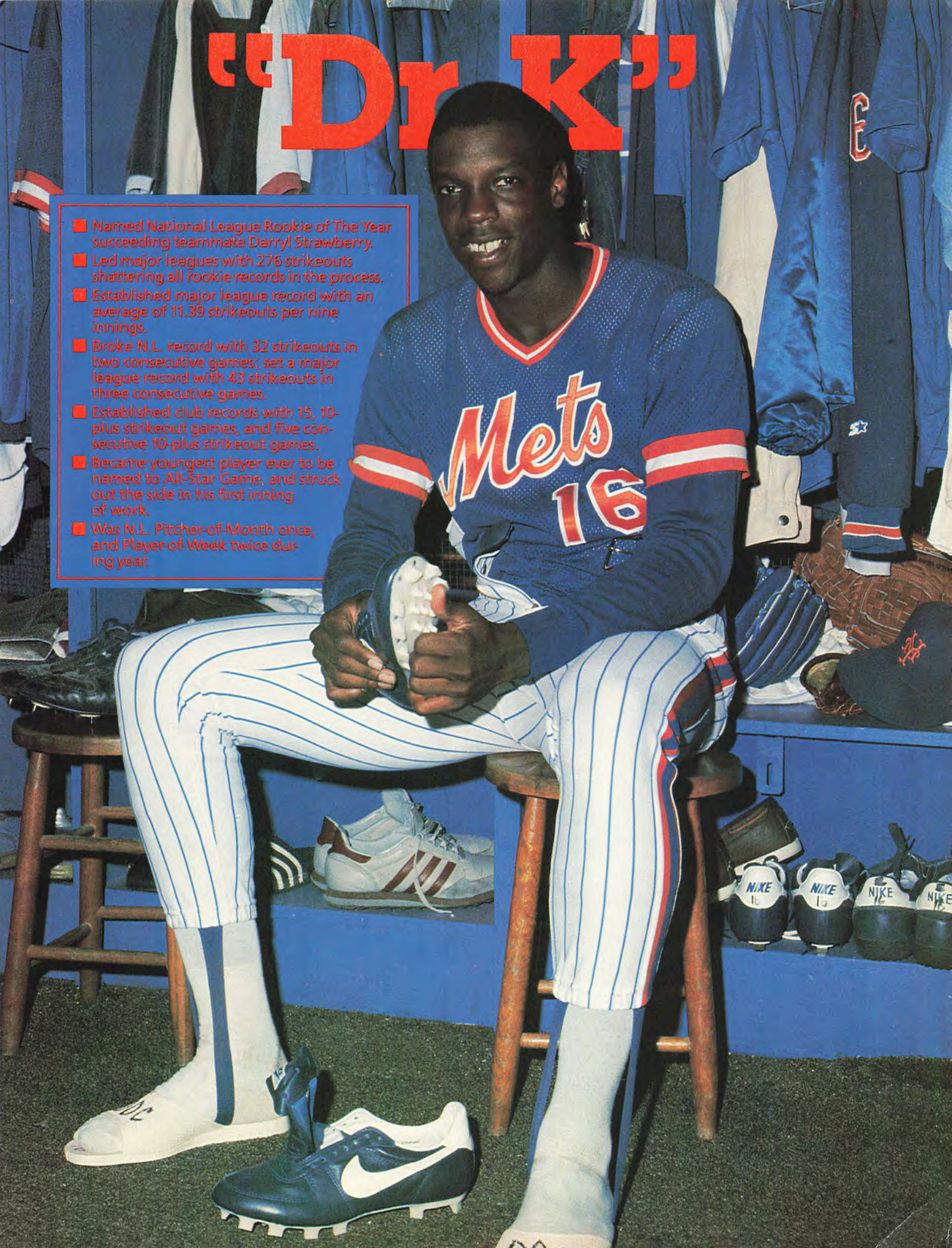


- Named National League Rookie of The Year succeeding teammate Darryl Strawberry.
- Led major leagues with 276 strikeouts shattering all rookie records in the process.
- Established major league record with an average of 11.39 strikeouts per nine innings.
- Broke N.L. record with 32 strikeouts in two consecutive games; set a major league record with 43 strikeouts in three consecutive games.
- Established club records with 15, 10-plus strikeout games, and five consecutive 10-plus strikeout games.
- Became youngest player ever to be named to All-Star Game, and struck out the side in his first inning of work.
- Was N.L. Pitcher-of-Month once, and Player-of-Week twice during year.

Charlie Dressen, for one very lamentable reason, never saw Dwight Gooden pitch. And that's too bad because if he had then the late manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers would have been able to resurrect and repeat his oft-quoted line—"I'd like to see him do it again."

What prompted Dressen's engrossing statement was the enduring magic of one Willie Howard Mays. It seems every time the New York Giants beat Charlie's Dodgers because of yet another feat of the Say Hey kid's peculiar brand of legerdemain, Dressen, assaying the Doubting Thomas role he appeared to savor, would steadfastly refuse to believe it.

As a result, instead of admitting the Giants' talented superduper was truly something else, Charlie would try to dismiss what he and the rest of the baseball world witnessed by replying: "I'd like to see him do it again."

And if Gooden's unique arithmetic last year was merely a harbinger of what's to come then a lot of rueful National League managers, none of whom subscribe to Dressen's skepticism where the Mets' wunderkin is concerned, won't be echoing that persevering remark during the 1985 season.

Not since Tom Seaver emerged on the Gotham stage in 1967 has a young pitcher captivated the New York baseball scene the way Gooden did in 1984. And even Tom Terrific's eminence wasn't achieved as rapidly as Gooden's. True, Seaver quickly indicated the prominence he was to attain, but by no means did he chalk the mind-boggling first year numbers that Gooden did.

Comparisons, as the late Branch Rickey used to pontificate, tend to become odious and, believe it or not, one shouldn't try to measure Seaver and Gooden at comparative stages because there's very little contrast between the pair.

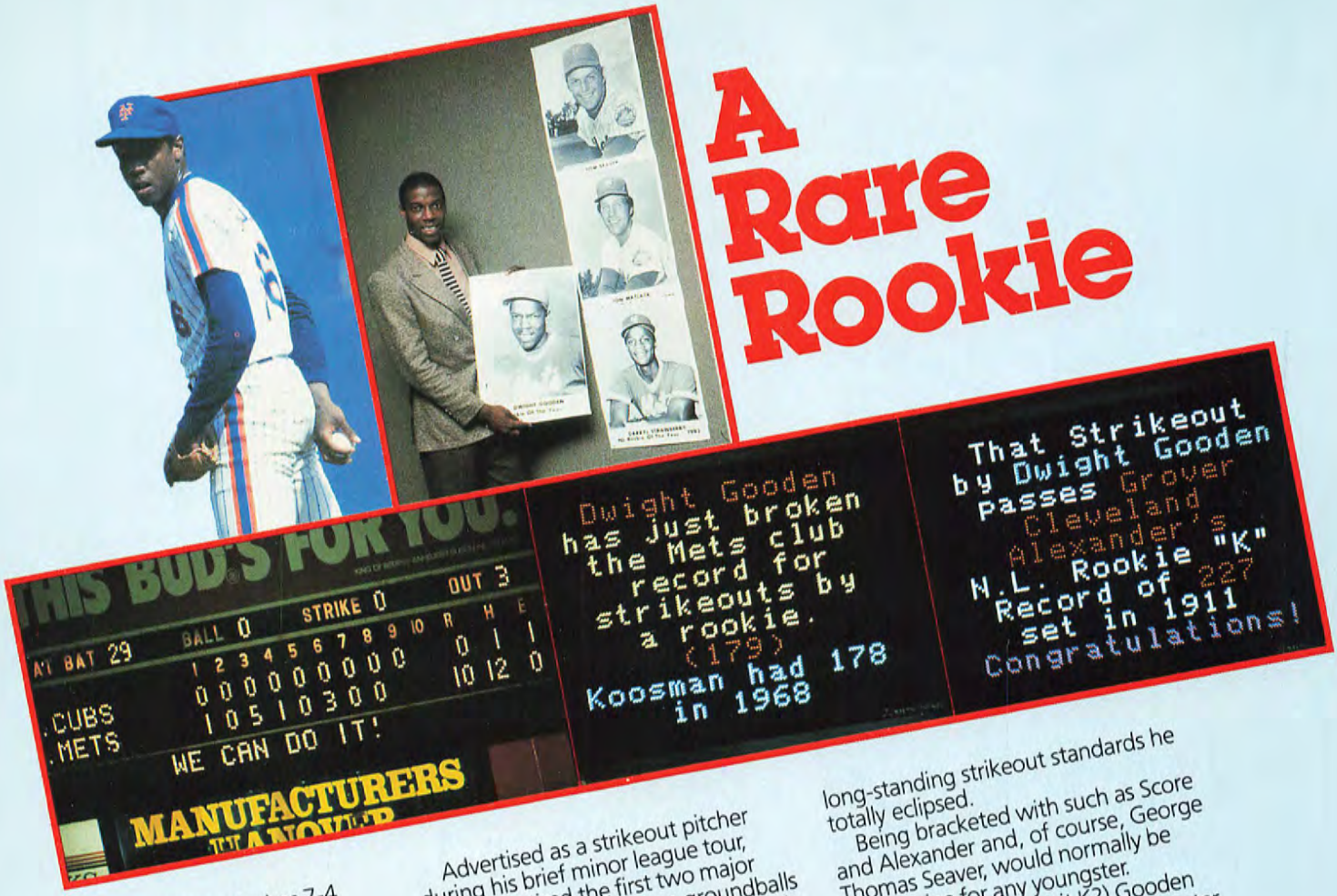
For one thing Gooden, fresh from Tampa'a Hillsborough High School, did what he did at the age of 19. Seaver, on the other hand, was a mature 22 before he threw his inaugural pitch in the bigs. And while Mister Tom rewrote several Mets' mound records as a freshman, the poised Gooden not only obliterated Seaver's rookie marks but crafted hill standards at which future National League pitchers will be aiming.

True, both won the heralded Rookie of the Year award for their respective output. Gooden, for instance, hung up an all-time rookie strikeout record when he fanned 276 believing and unbelieving National League batters. What both Seaver and Gooden do have in common, aside, of course, from the immense talent with which each was endowed, is an innate confidence in their ability to perform the exacting and demanding chore of pitching major league baseball. In that respect Gooden, tall and lanky and with a motion that flows like three yards of pump water, is the original Mister Cool. Win or lose he's the same—cool. Excuses and alibis are not in his lexicon. And like Seaver, Gooden is never completely satisfied with a mound performance. Each has the ability and temperament to dissect each outing and posses what amounts to total recall in the eagerly awaited and well attended post-mortems.

The record book lists Gooden with 17 wins, nine losses and five no decisions last year. And in each of his 31 appearances you can bet your bottom buck Gooden can pinpoint his mistakes. Even in the winning games he would freely detail what he considered his boo-boos.

For instance, on the night of September 1 at Shea Stadium, Gooden

A Rare Rookie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Dwight Gooden has just broken the Mets club record for strikeouts by a rookie. (179) Koosman had 178 in 1968
That Strikeout by Dwight Gooden passes Grover Cleveland Alexander's N.L. Rookie "K" Record of 227 set in 1911 Congratulations!

defeated the San Diego Padres 7-4 for his 14th win. He yielded six hits, walked five and fanned 10 and stunned the post-game media by "apologizing" for his performance.

"I didn't have my good stuff out there this time," he said. "My breaking stuff was up and I was wild with it and my fastball didn't have that good pop."

Writers accompanying the San Diego club recorded Gooden's remarks and later, in the organized confusion of the press box, wondered if he'd put them on.

"Is he kidding?" muttered one California scribe. "A guy throws the way he did, strikes out 10 batters and claims he didn't have his good stuff."

Informed that Gooden wasn't pulling anyone's leg, the San Diego writer, an incredulous look on his face and his head shaking slowly from side to side, walked back to his seat muttering to himself.

But writers weren't the only ones talking to themselves after encountering Dwight Eugene Gooden last year. The National League, as a unit, did much the same thing. And it all started the night of April 7 in the Houston Astrodome when the youngster made his debut.

Advertised as a strikeout pitcher during his brief minor league tour, Gooden retired the first two major league hitters he faced on groundballs and then began to do his thing. Dickie Thon was his initial victim, swinging at air to end Gooden's maiden major league inning.

From then on Gooden did more for air-conditioning than General Electric as he had batters all over the league swinging and missing and generating breezes from New York to California. It all ended the afternoon of September 23 at Shea when Gooden registered his 276th and final strikeout of an enviable season.

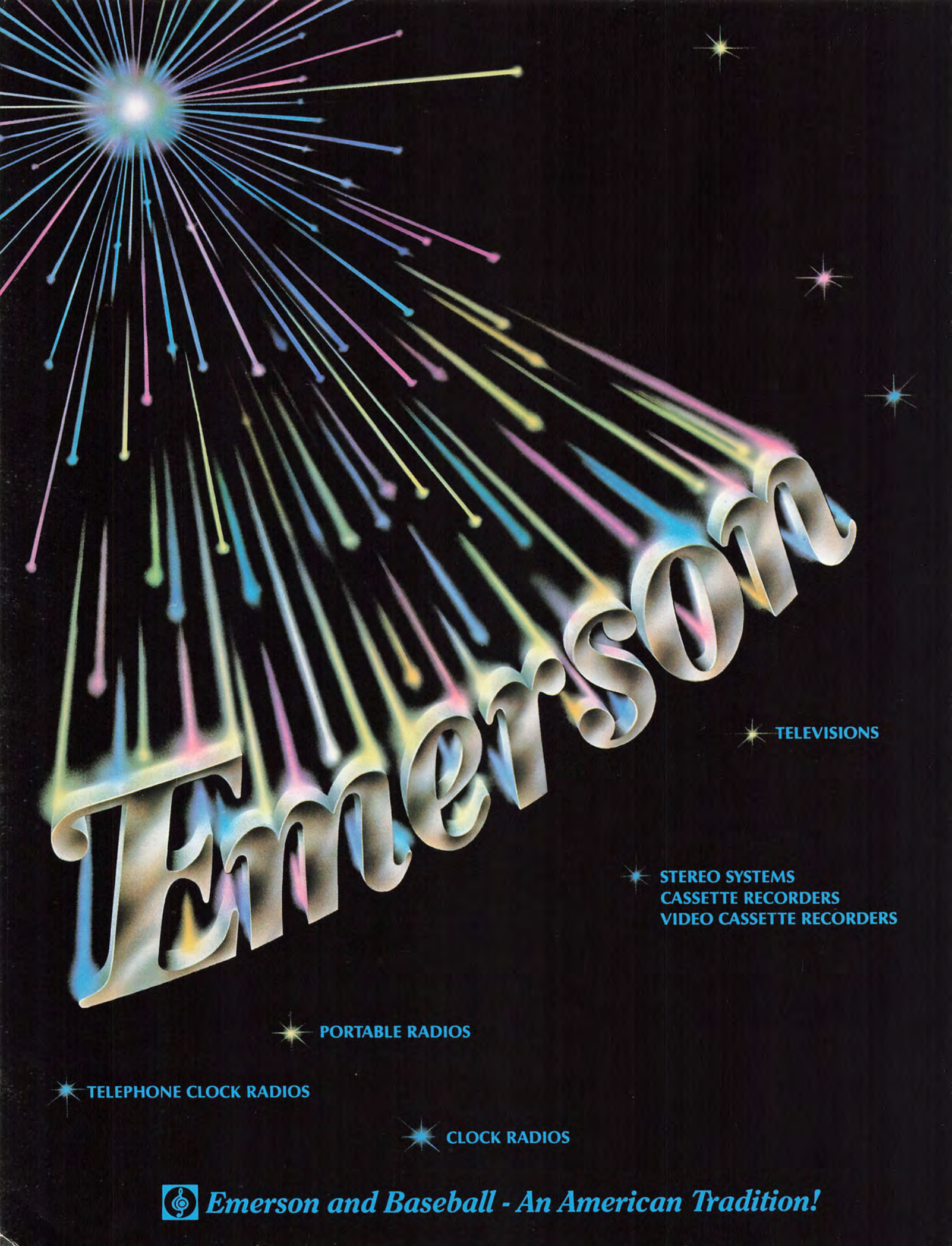
Ironically, his final victim was Montreal's Tim Wallach, who gazed at a third strike in the seventh inning. It wasn't a novelty for batter or pitcher. In fact, it was the ninth time in a dozen 1984 at bats that Gooden overwhelmed Wallach or, if you prefer, Wallach underwhelmed Gooden. In any event the Expos' third baseman was Gooden's favorite strikeout target last year. The Cubs' Ron Cey and Pittsburgh's Tony Pena were next in line, each gulping Doctor Gooden's K rations seven times.

Between the strikeouts of Thon in April and Wallach in September, Gooden produced some amazing statistics, the kind of digits that linked him with such heroes of yesteryear as Herb Score and the immortal Grover Cleveland Alexander, each of whose long-standing strikeout standards he totally eclipsed.

Being bracketed with such as Score and Alexander and, of course, George Thomas Seaver, would normally be heady wine for any youngster.

But Dwight E. (or is it K?) Gooden isn't your average, everyday youngster. He isn't even your average, everyday pitcher, either. And no sooner had the 1984 season ended that Shea customers, many of them lineal descendants of the fanatics who patronized the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field, were borrowing Flatbush's hoary phrase—"Wait'll next year!"

Well, this is next year and with his vast potential there's no telling what the irrepressible Floridian can and might do. For him the sky's the limit and as the new season unfolds, the rest of the National League is paraphrasing Dressen by moaning "We don't want to see him do it again."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The All-Stars

The 1984 All-Star Game was held on July 10th at San Francisco, and for the first time in the history of the franchise, four Mets were selected to the squad. The Mets were represented by Keith Hernandez, Jesse Orosco, Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden.

On four different occasions in the 22 seasons prior to last year, three Mets were selected to the All-Star team. In 1968, Jerry Grote, Jerry Koosman and Tom Seaver were chosen; in '69, Seaver, Koosman and Cleon Jones; in '72, Seaver, Willie Mays and Tug McGraw; and in '76, Seaver, Dave Kingman and Jon Matlack were named.

The Mets were quite happy with four selections last year, but there was good argument for two players left off the roster—Hubie Brooks and Ron Darling. At the All-Star break, Hubie was hitting .304 with 10 homers and had put together a club record 24-game hitting streak in May. Ron's record stood at 10-3 on the strength of a seven game win streak and N.L. Pitcher of the Month honors for June.

This year's All-Star Game will be held on July 16, and it's a good bet that the Mets will be very well represented at Minnesota's Metrodome.

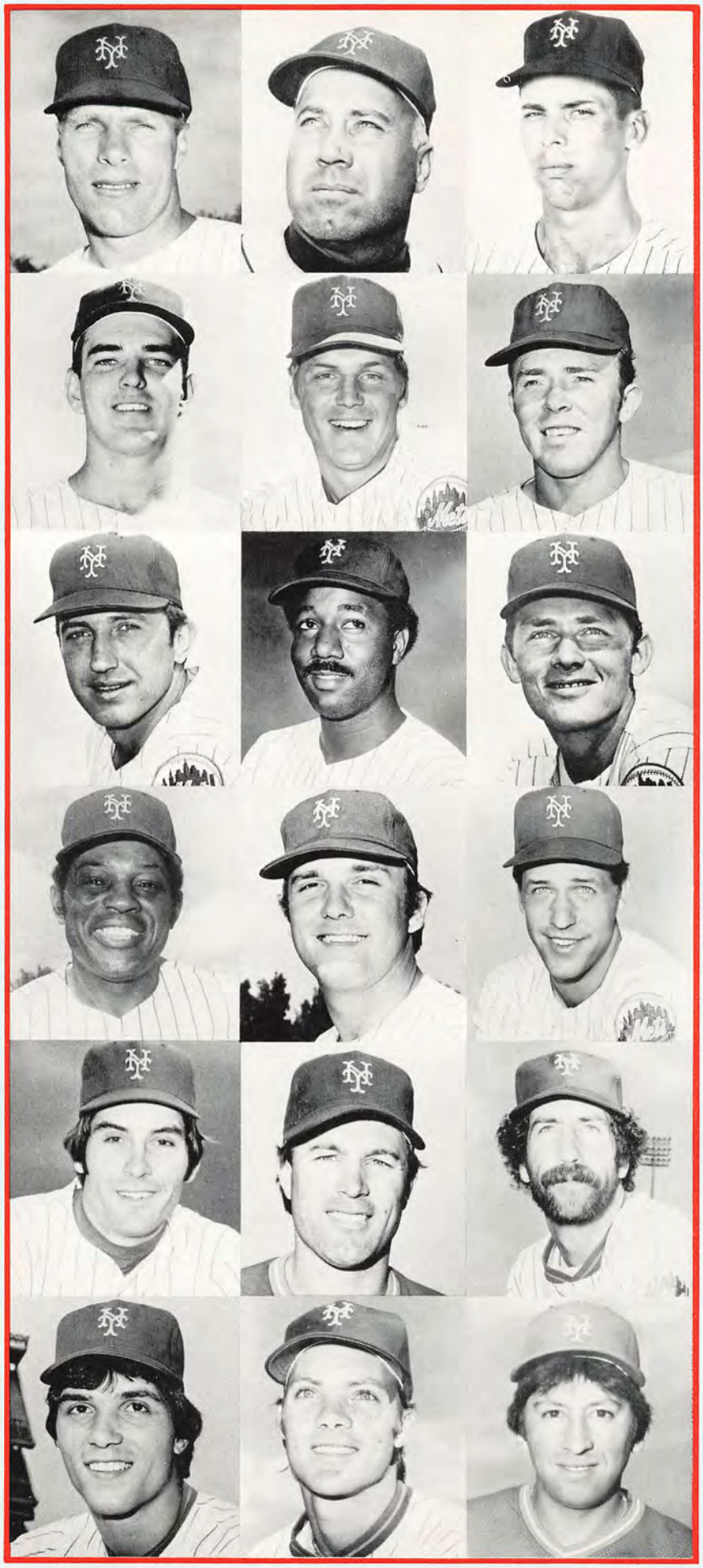
1984 NATIONAL LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

First Row L-R: Don Buford, Claude Osteen, John Van Ornum

Second Row L-R: Al Holland, Steve Garvey, Gary Carter, Ryne Sandberg, Darryl Strawberry, Chuck Tanner, Paul Owens (Manager), Tom Lasorda, Dale Murphy, Mike Schmidt, Tony Gwynn, Ozzie Smith

Third Row L-R: Willie McCovey (Honorary Captain), Dwight Gooden, Jerry Mumphrey, Jody Davis, Rich Gossage, Mike Marshall, Charlie Lea, Chili Davis, Tim Wallach, Jesse Orosco, Bruce Sutter, Bob Brenly

Fourth Row L-R: Perry Archibald (Trainer), Tim Raines, Fernando Valenzuela, Rafael Ramirez, Keith Hernandez, Tony Pena, Claudell Washington, Mario Soto, Juan Samuel, Dick Dent (Trainer)



(From Top Down L. to R.)
Richie Ashburn 1962
Duke Snider 1963
Ron Hunt 1964, '66
Ed Kranepool 1965
Tom Seaver 1967, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '75, '76
Jerry Grote 1968, '74
Jerry Koosman 1968, '69
Cleon Jones 1969
Bud Harrelson 1970, '71
Willie Mays 1972, '73
Tug McGraw 1972
Jon Matlack 1974, '75, '76
Dave Kingman 1976
John Stearns 1977, '79, '80, '82
Pat Zachry 1978
Lee Mazzilli 1979
Joel Youngblood 1981
Jesse Orosco 1983

Darryl Strawberry was the only Met to start in the '84 Game following his '83 Rookie of the Year season. Darryl was the top vote getter among N.L. outfielders receiving 1,565,044 votes to Dale Murphy's 1,379,722. Playing in his first All-Star Game, he singled and stole a base in the N.L.'s 3-1 win.

Keith Hernandez was named for the third time in his career, his first time as a Met. He received over one million votes from the fans, second only to Steve Garvey. Keith was 0-1 in last year's contest, and is now 2-4 in All-Star competition.

Jesse Orosco was named to the team for the second straight year. Jesse, who faced one batter and struck him out in the '83 All-Star Game at Chicago's Comiskey Park, did not appear in last year's Game.

Dwight Gooden became the youngest player to ever be chosen to the All-Star team, and his performance at San Francisco will be remembered for a long time. Dwight struck out the side (Lance Parrish, Chet Lemon and Alvin Davis) in the first inning he worked, combining with Fernando Valenzuela to strike out a record six straight A.L. hitters. On the night, Dwight pitched two shutout innings.
(The Game's Most Valuable Player was Montreal Expo catcher Gary Carter. Now a Met, it was the second time for Gary; he won it previously in 1981. Last year his second inning home run proved to be the game-winning RBI. For Gary it marked his seventh All-Star selection.)

1984 Mets All-Stars

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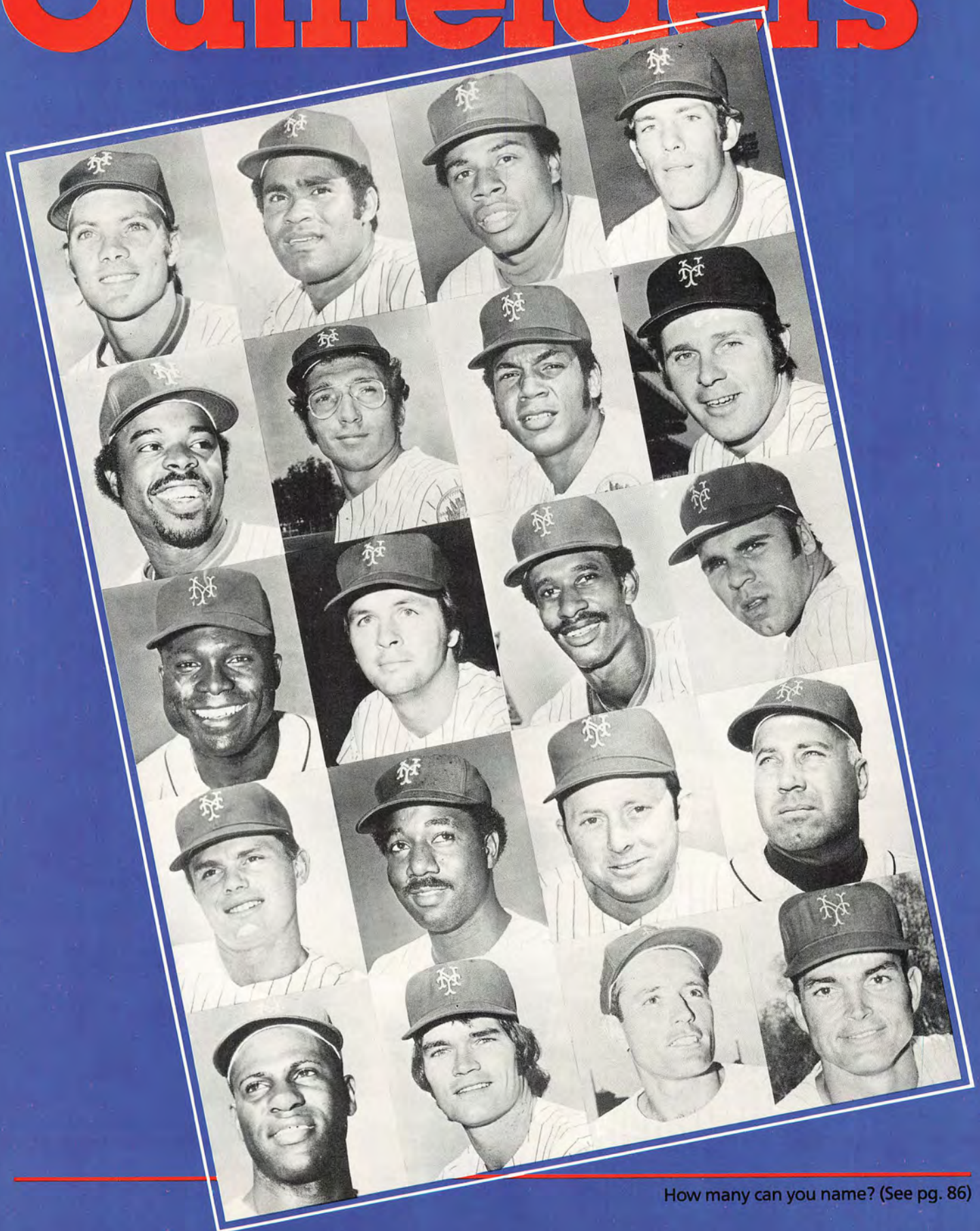
Outfielders



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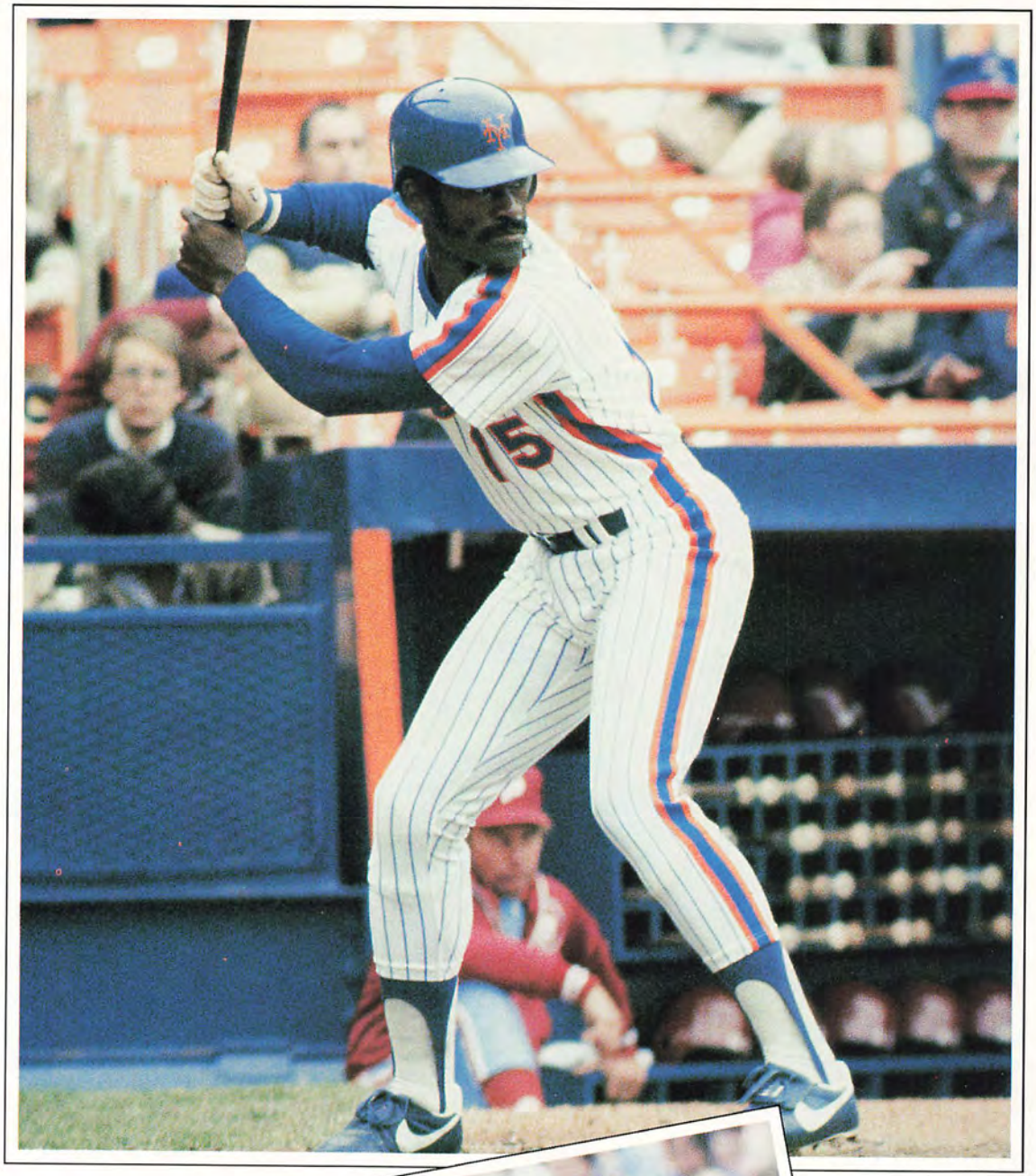


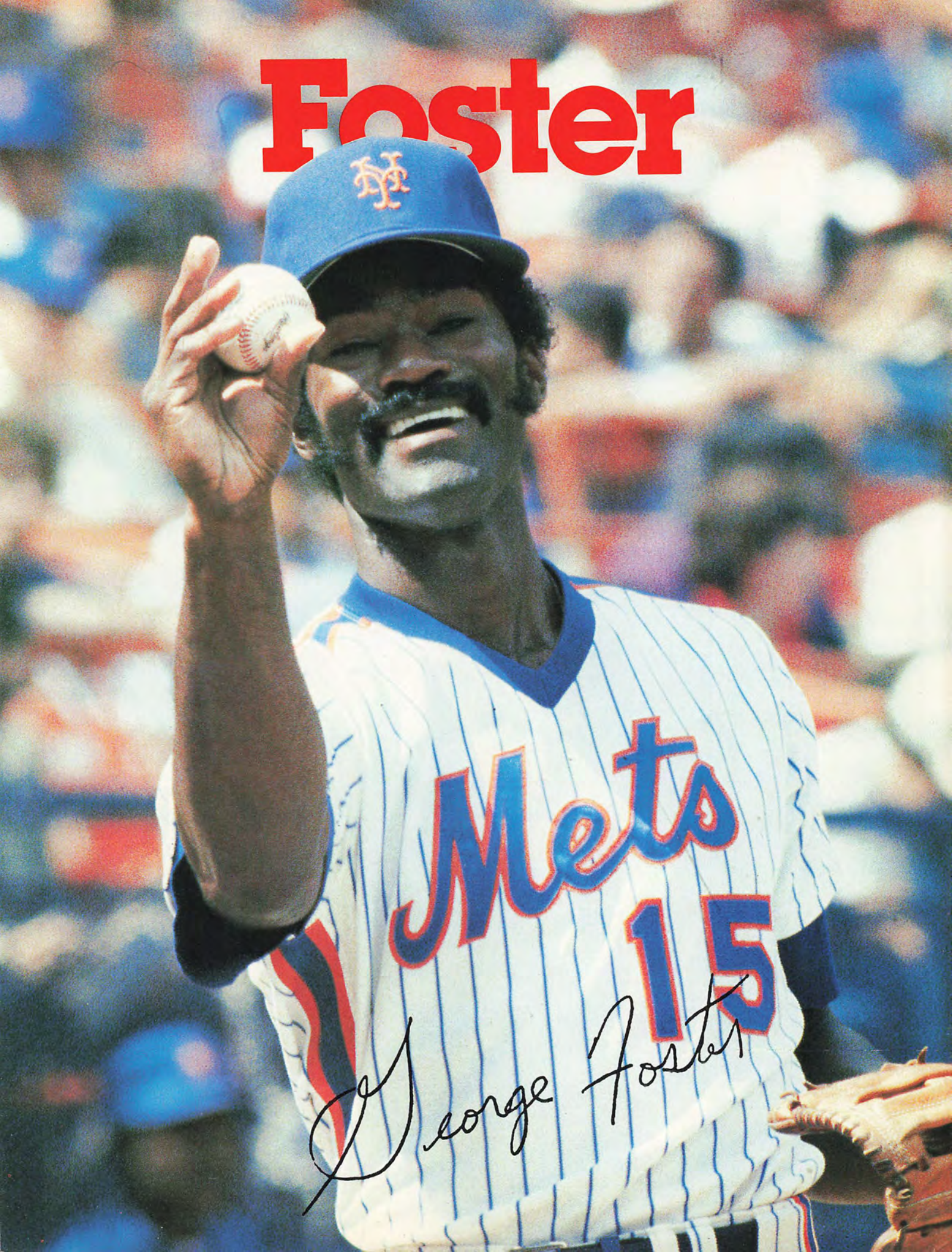
1984 STATS	
AVG	.269
G	146
AB	553
R	67
H	149
HR	24
RBI	86
SB	2

As the Mets have improved since 1982, so have George Foster's season statistics.

When George came to the Mets three years ago, he was by far the biggest offensive threat in the Mets' lineup. But, with the additions of Hernandez and Strawberry, and now Gary Carter, it's much harder to "pitch around" the 14-year veteran, and the proof is his production at the plate.

George hit .269 in '84 with 149 hits—his best average since 1981, and his highest hit total since 1978. He finished sixth in the league with 24 homers, and now is 45th on the all-time list with 313 career home-runs.

George hopes to produce in '85 like he did in the second-half last year when he hit .311 with 12 homers and 47 RBI's.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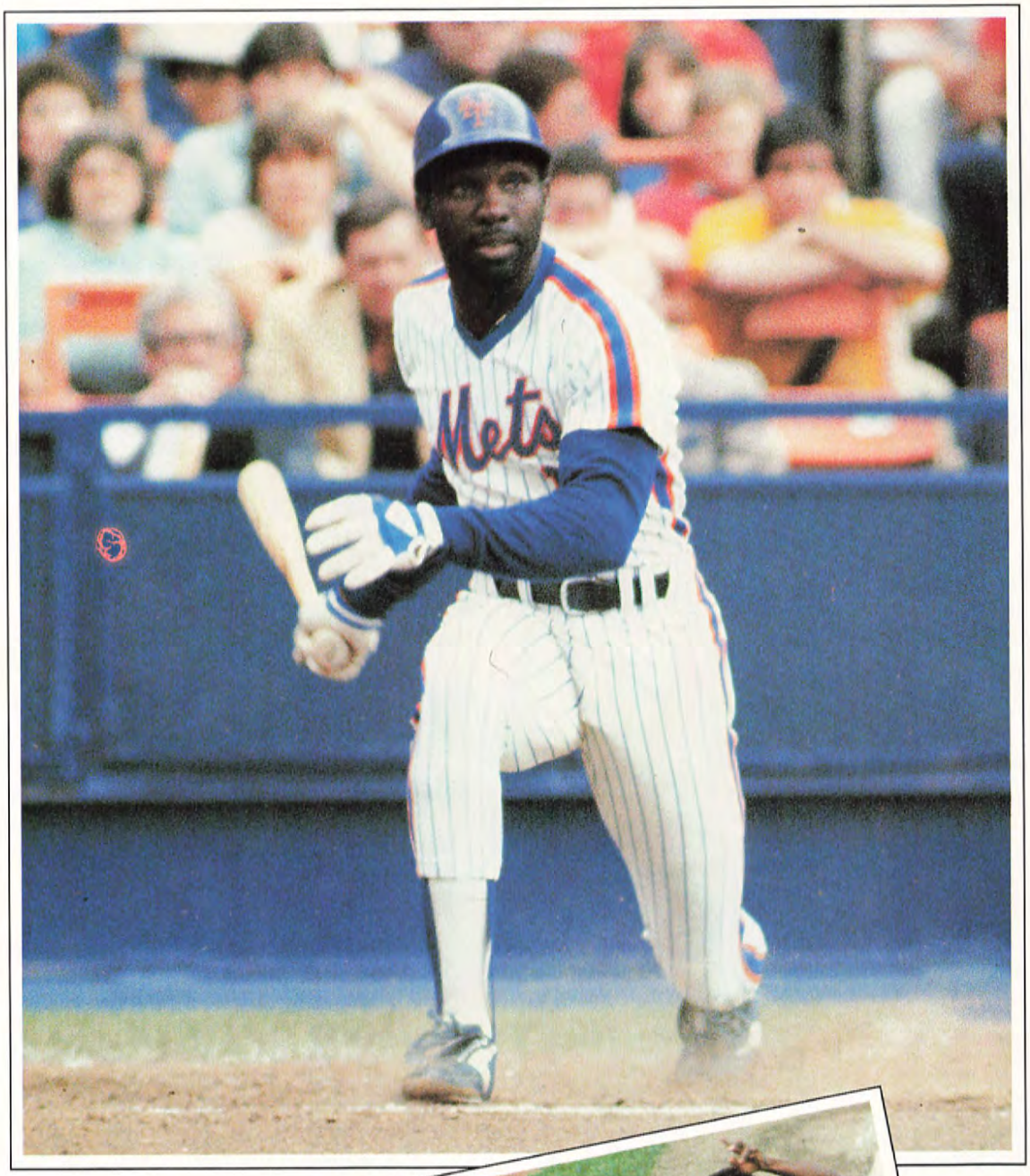
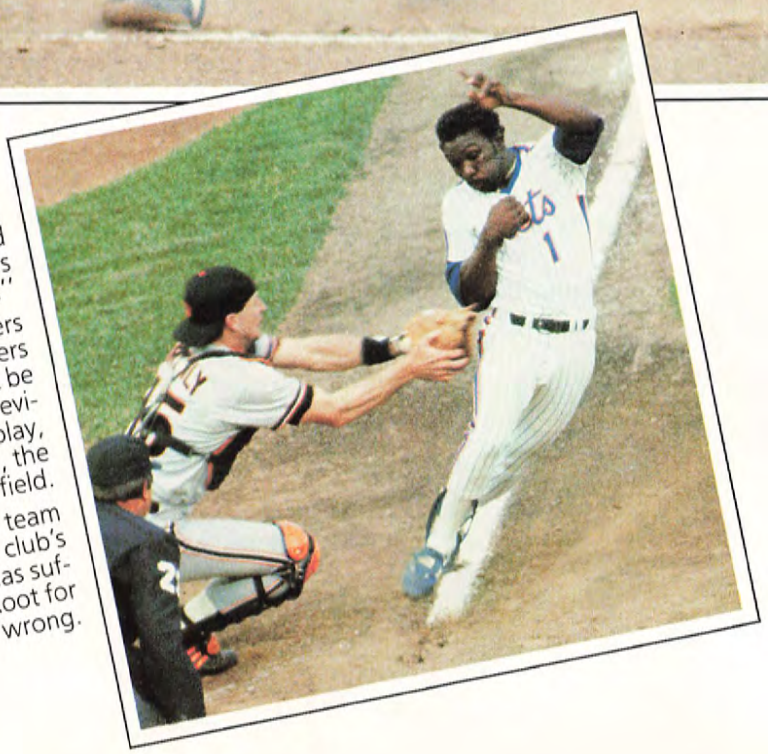


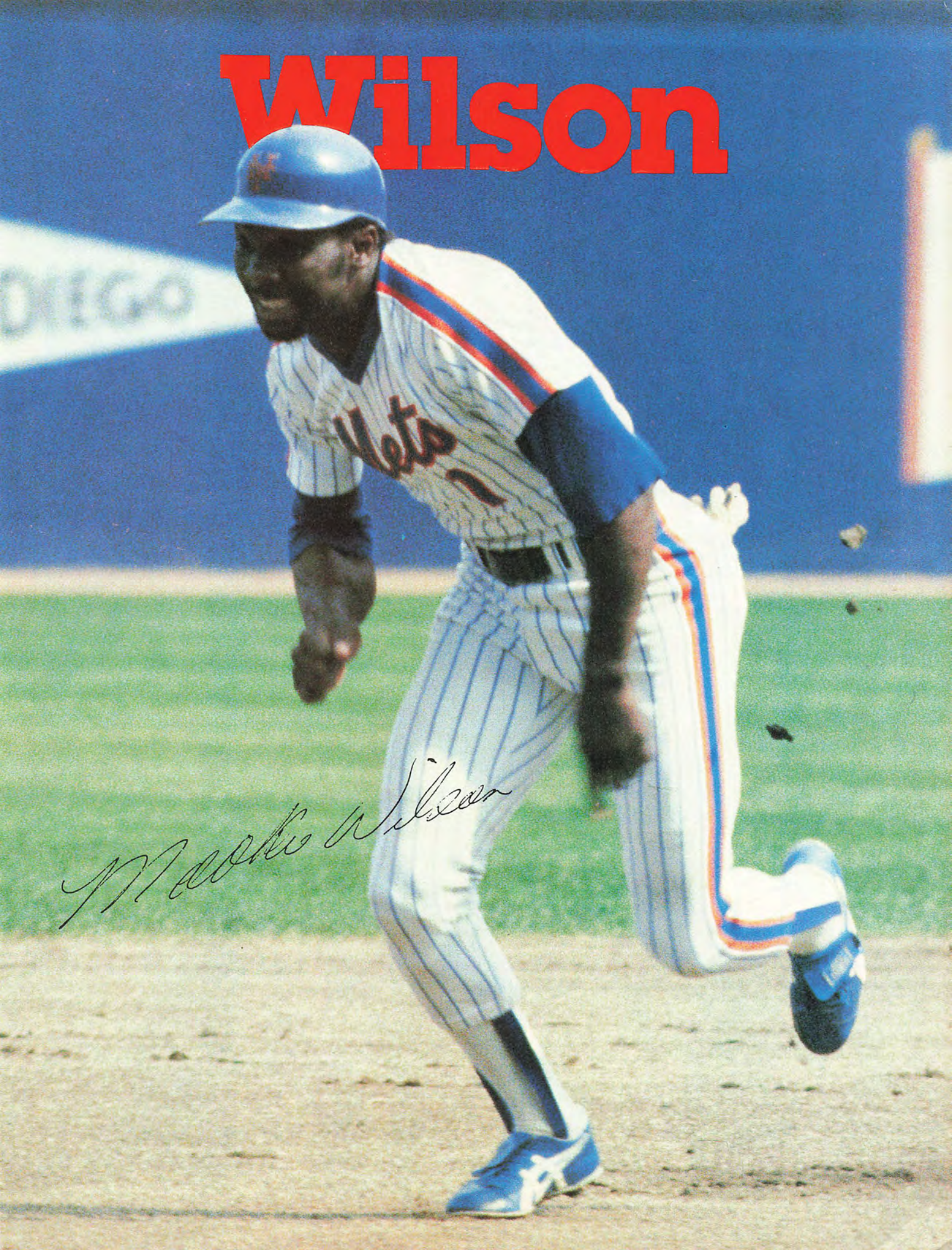
1984 STATS	
AVG	.276
G	154
AB	587
R	88
H	162
HR	10
RBI	54
SB	46



"Mookie Wilson is the heart of the Mets," said Keith Hernandez at a banquet during the winter. "There is no finer man in baseball than Mookie, and I've never seen anyone with a better attitude towards the game."

In 1984, Mookie was one of only six major leaguers to reach double figures in doubles, triples, homers and steals, but yet his value to the Mets cannot be measured in statistics. His approach to baseball is evident to all who watch him—Mookie loves to play, and he is going to give the Mets, and the fans, the best he can possibly give once he goes on that field.

No one deserves to be on a championship team more than Mookie Wilson. He has been the club's starting center-fielder for four seasons and has suffered through the "lean" years prior to '84. Root for Mookie and you can't go wrong.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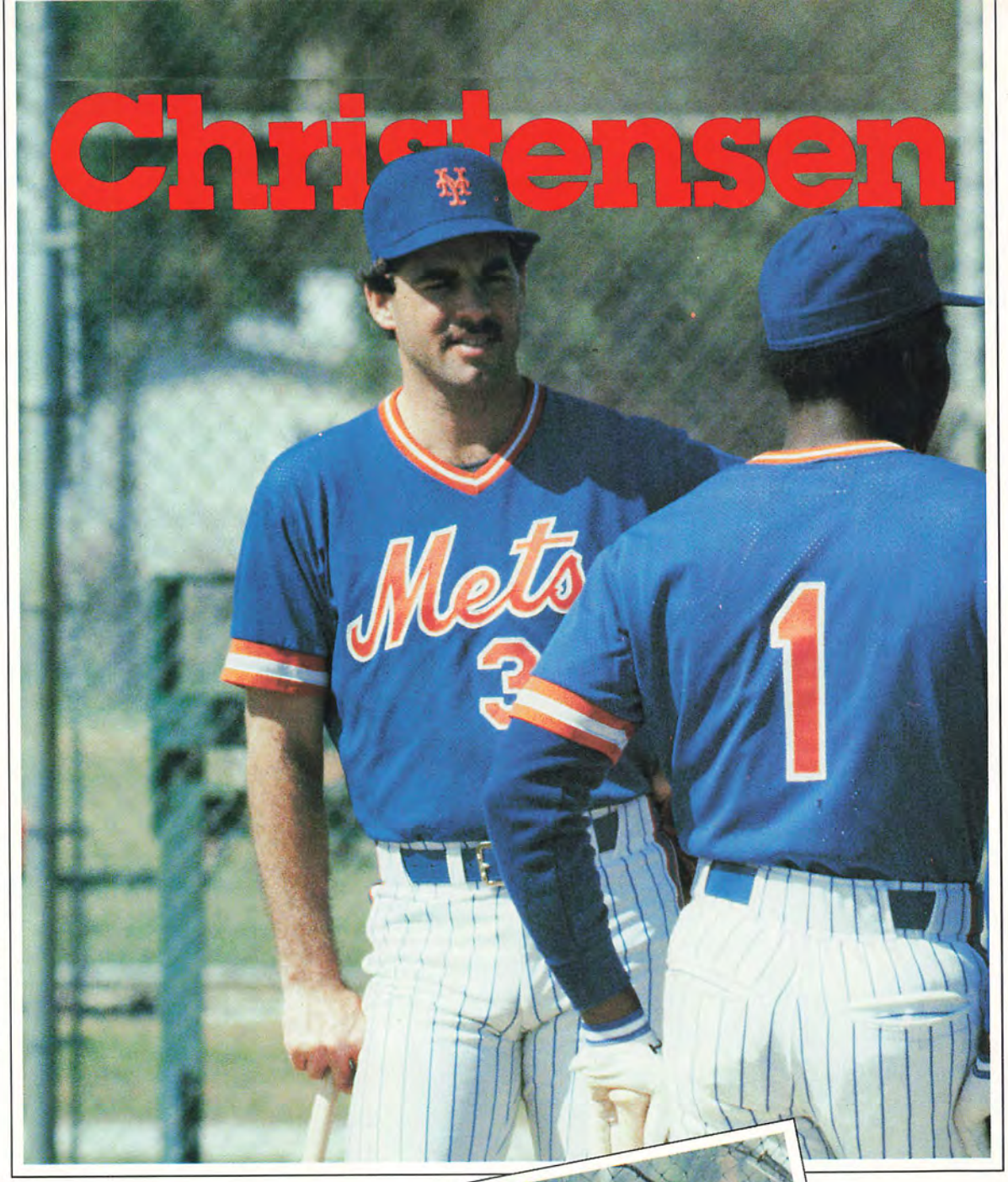
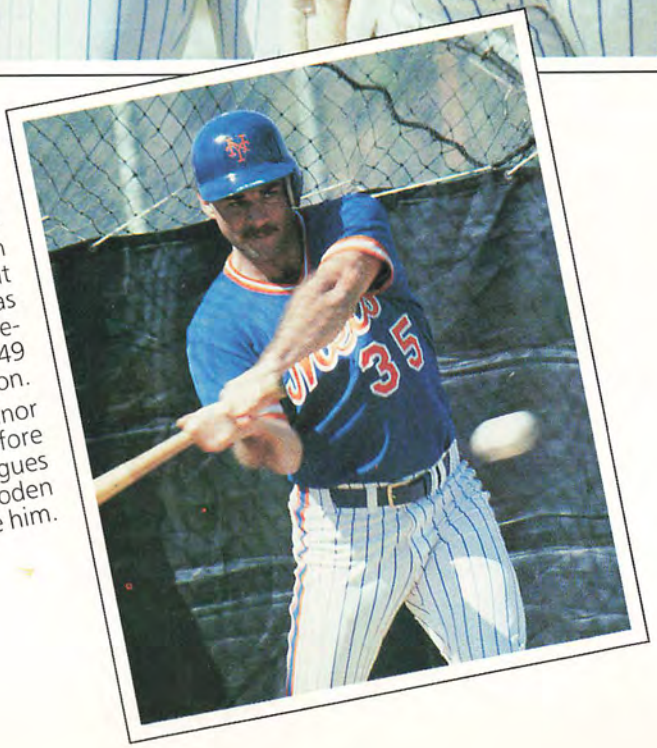


1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
AVG	.316	.273
G	129	5
AB	421	11
R	57	2
H	133	3
HR	15	0
RBI	71	3
SB	2	0

In three minor league seasons, no one in the Mets' system has posted more impressive numbers than outfielder John Christensen.

John, an All-American at Cal State-Fullerton in 1981, was the club's second round draft choice that same year. In his first three seasons of pro ball, he has hit .334 (Shelby-A), .333 (Jackson-AA), and .316 (Tidewater-AAA) in '84. Along the way, he has clubbed 49 home runs and averaged 80 RBI's per season.

The Mets boast one of baseball's strongest minor league organizations, and it won't be long before John Christensen makes his mark in the big leagues much like Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden before him.



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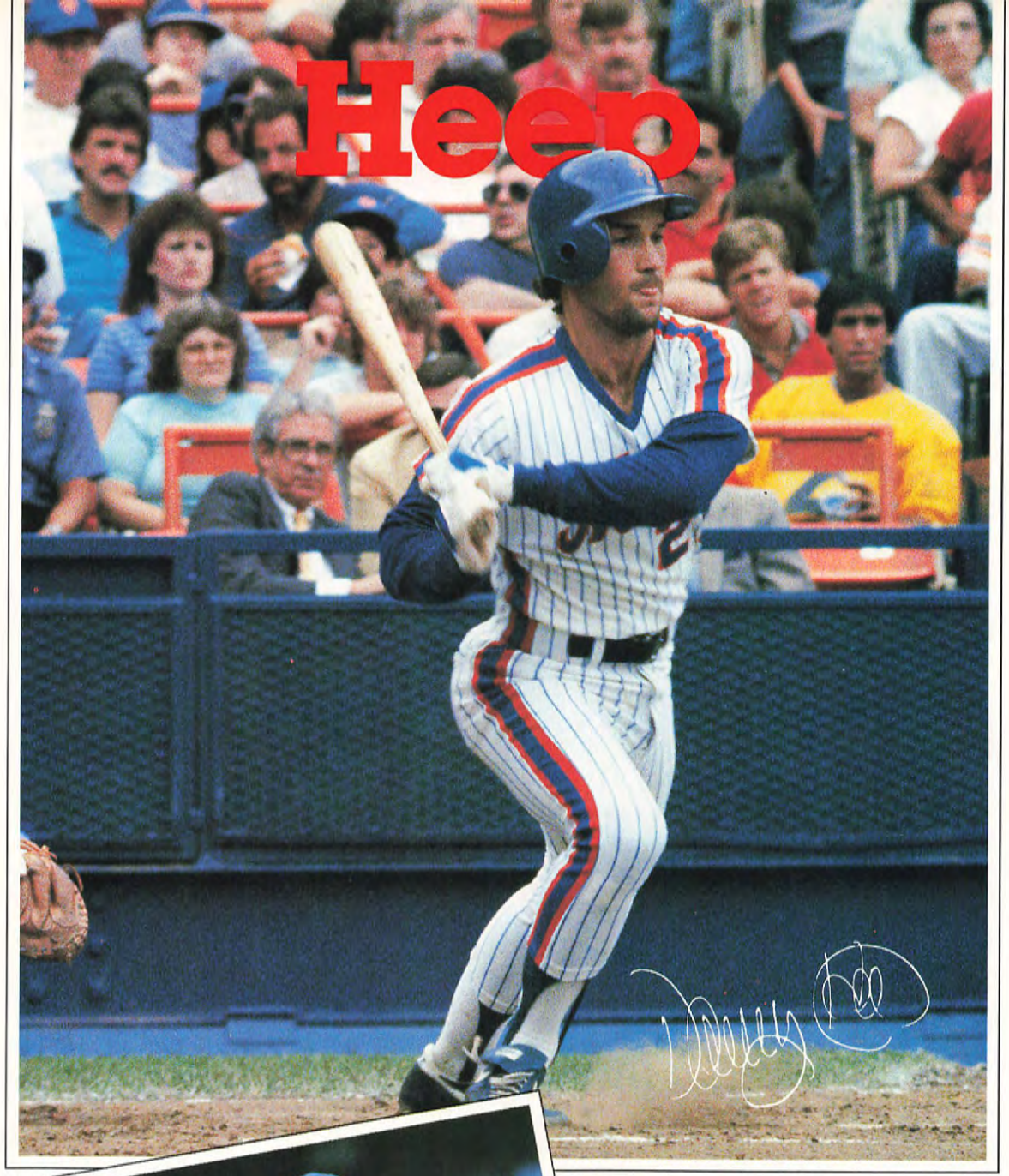
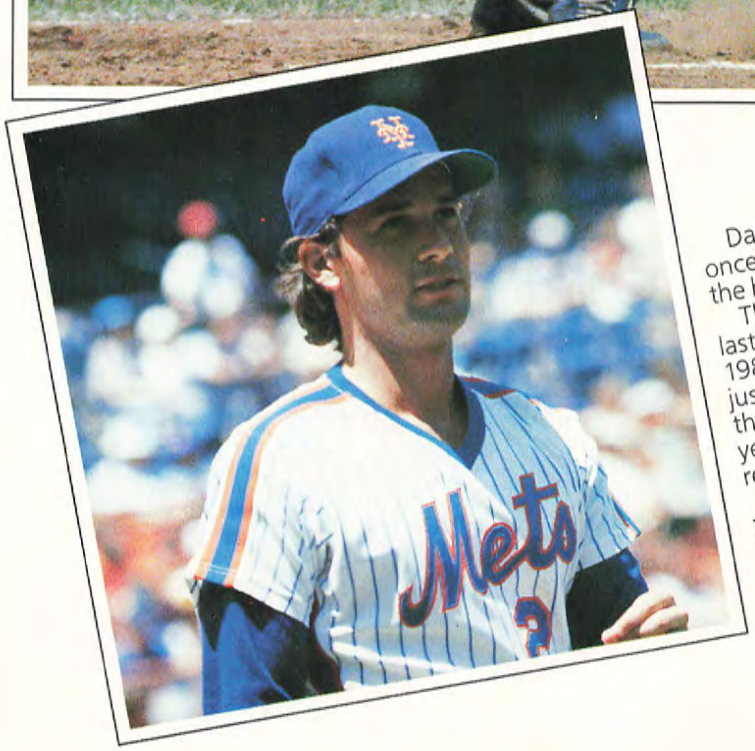


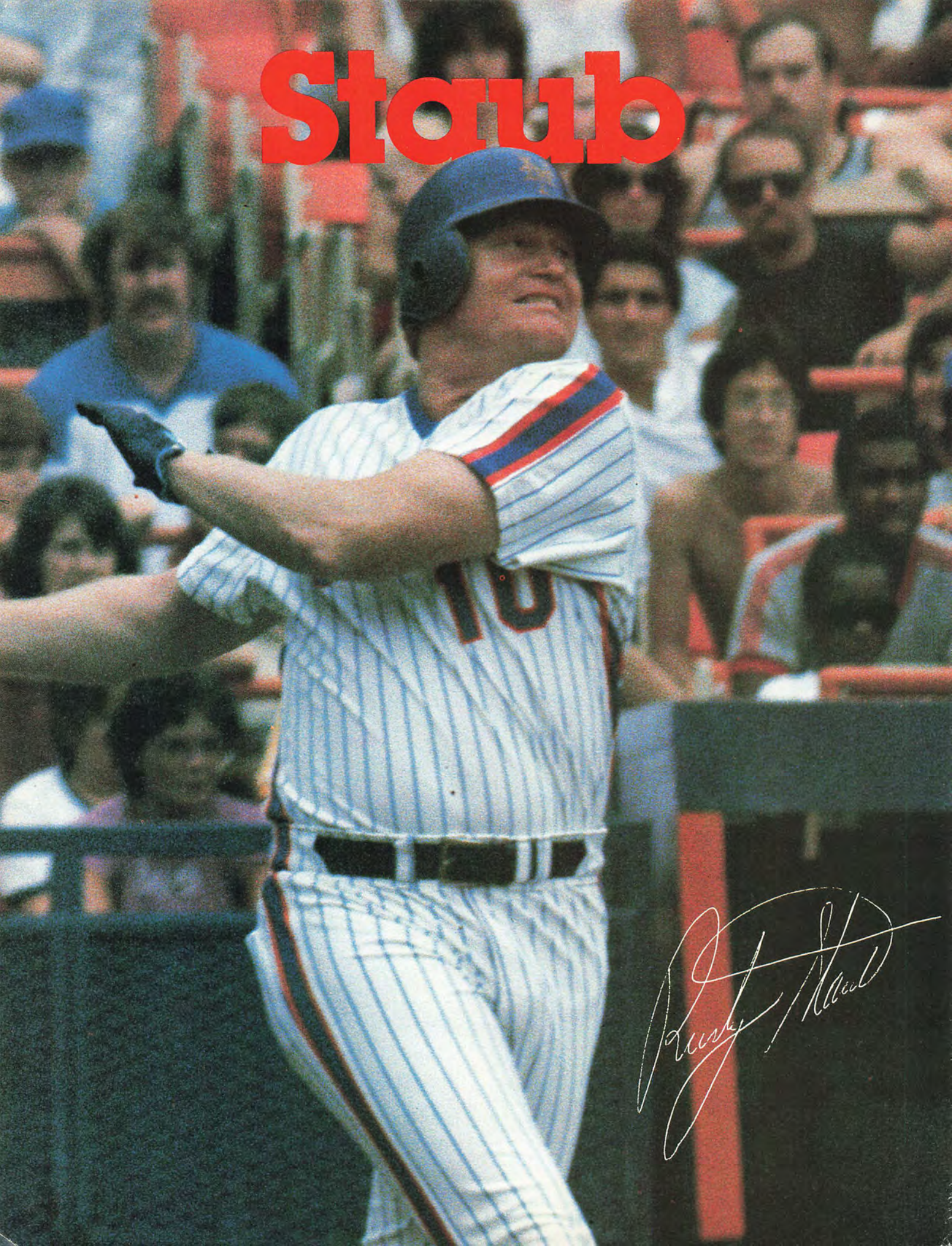
1984 STATS	
AVG	.231
G	99
AB	199
R	36
H	46
HR	1
RBI	12
SB	3



Danny Heep, in his third year with the Mets, will once again provide the club with needed strength off the bench.

The 27-year-old Texan contributed eight pinch-hits last season, second on the team to Rusty Staub. In 1983, Danny led the majors with four pinch homers, just two shy of the all-time record. He has come through "in the pinch" 19 times over the past two years, since coming to the Mets from the Astros in return for pitcher Mike Scott.

Danny started 44 games in 1984—six at first and 38 in the outfield—and scored a career high 36 runs. There's no question that Danny has the ability to play "everyday" in the majors, and he'll be ready for Dave Johnson's call when needed.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1984 STATS	
AVG	.264
G	78
AB	72
R	2
H	19
HR	1
RBI	18
SB	0

Rusty Staub, 41-years-old and one of the finest hitters in the game, begins his 22nd season in the major leagues.

Rusty led the National League in pinch-hits (18) and pinch-hit RBI's (18) for the second year in a row. He's accumulated 42 pinch-hits over the past two seasons, and begins the season 16th on the all-time list with 89 in his career. His only home run of the year on September 25 enabled him to join the immortal Ty Cobb as the only major leaguers to homer both before their 20th birthday and after their 40th.

Rusty, who has played eight seasons in a Mets' uniform ('72-'75; '81-present), hit .423 in the 1973 World Series against Oakland. He hopes to play in another Series before he retires, and if he does, it's a good bet that his timely hitting will play a major role in getting there.

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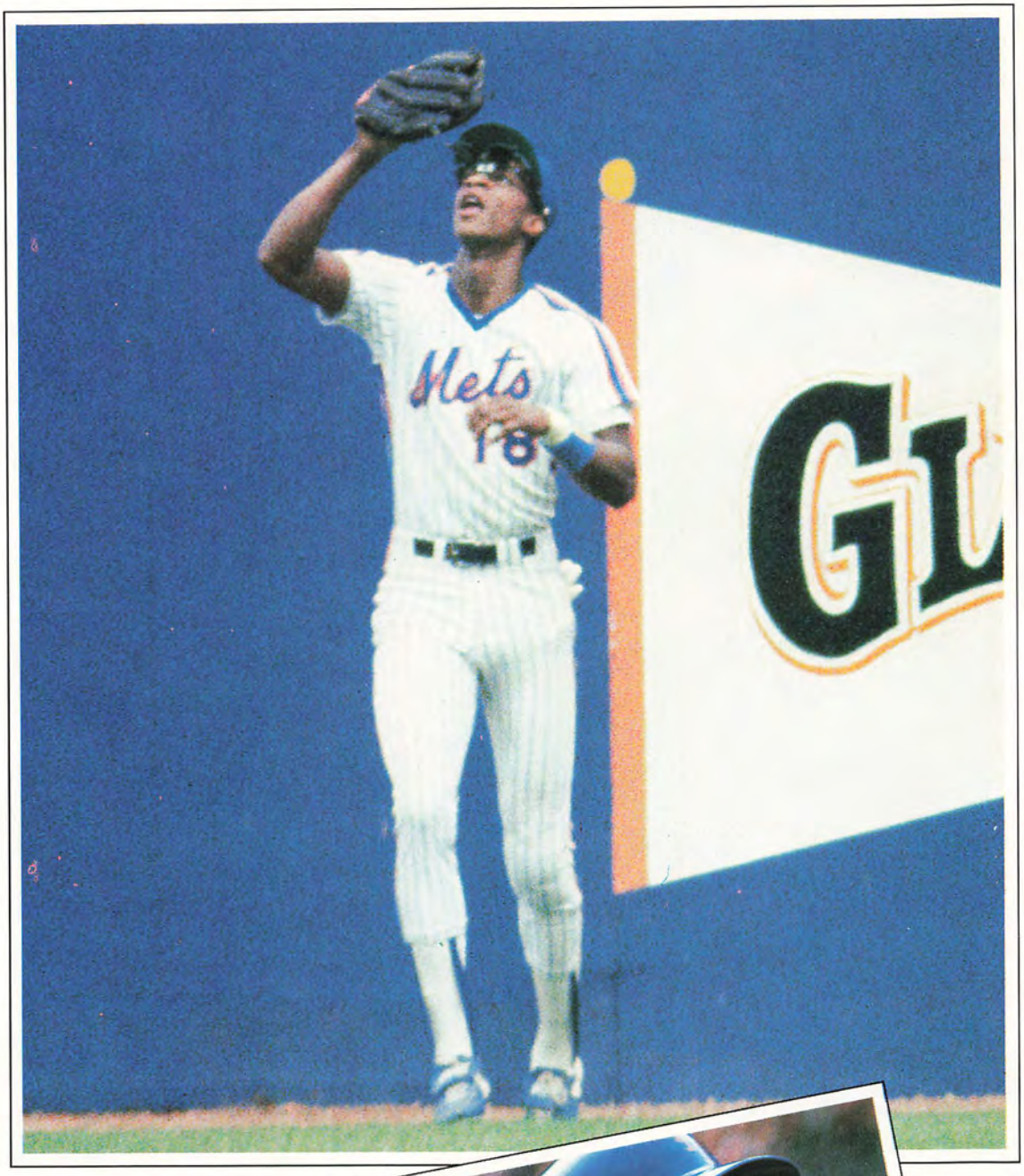
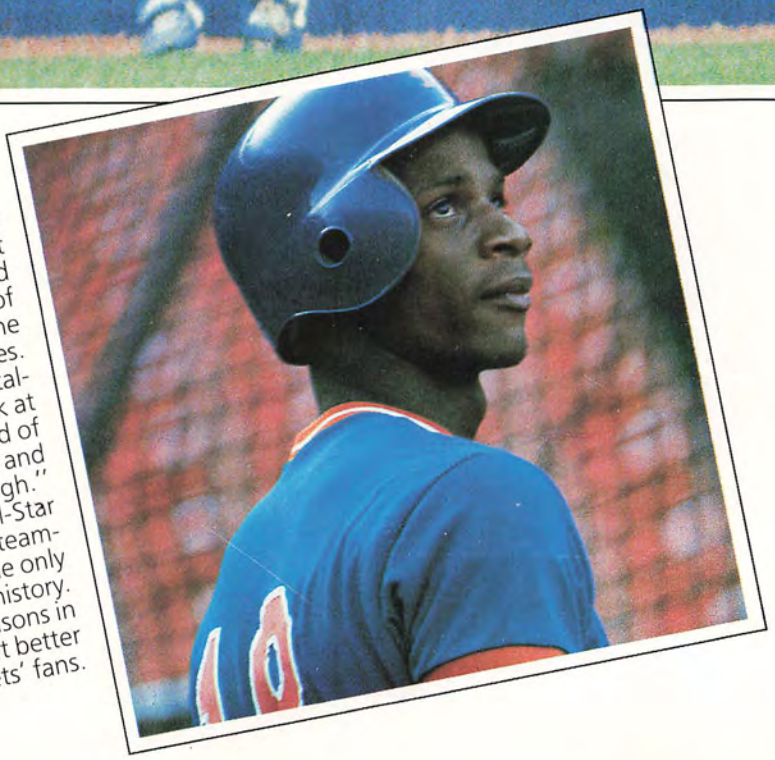


1984 STATS	
AVG	.251
G	147
AB	522
R	75
H	131
HR	26
RBI	97
SB	27



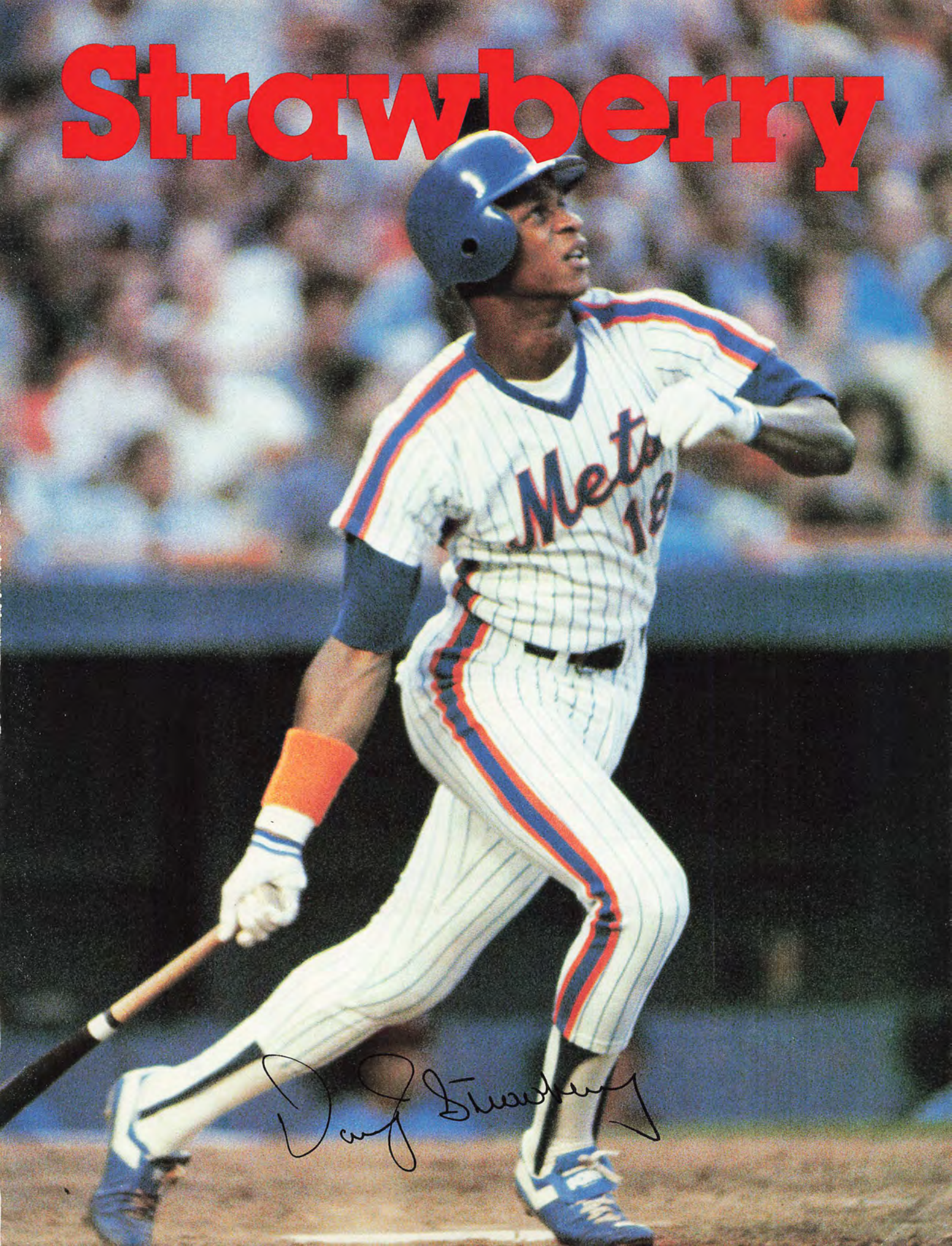
When you consider that Darryl Strawberry hit no home runs with just 13 RBI's in May and August, but yet at season's end had hit 26 homers and knocked in 97 runs—it's almost scary to think what kind of season he is capable of producing. And no one knows it better than he does.

"I know there is a responsibility with being talented," said the 1983 Rookie-of-the-Year. "Look at last year—a lot of guys would die to have that kind of year. But I know, with my God-given talent and potential, those numbers aren't enough."

Darryl, the starting rightfielder in last year's All-Star Game, also stole 27 bases to go along with his team-leading 26 homers, joining Tommie Agee as the only two "20-20" men in club history.

Darryl has enjoyed two very productive seasons in the majors, and to realize it's only going to get better is very exciting for Mets' fans.

Strawberry



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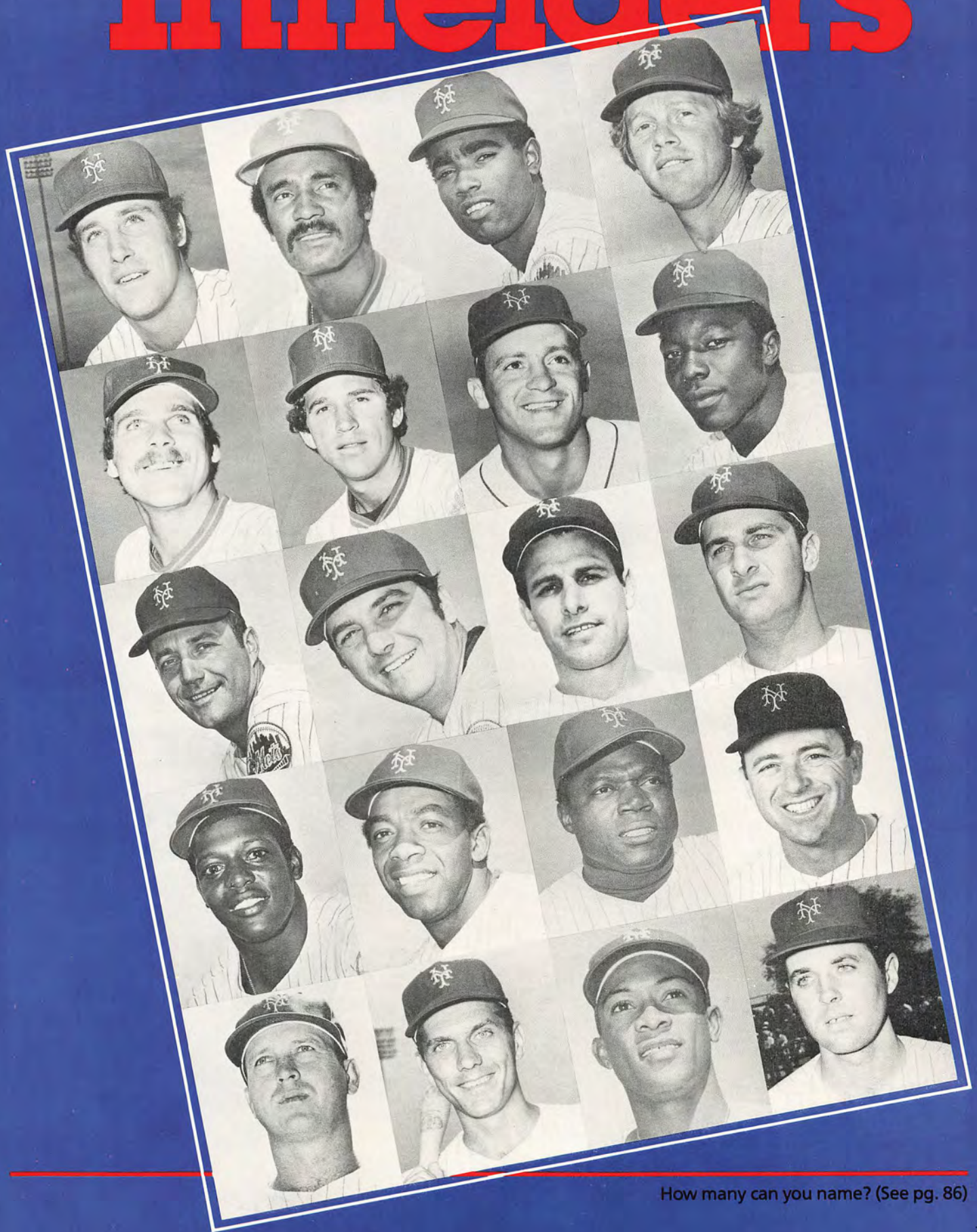

How many can you name? (See pg. 86)

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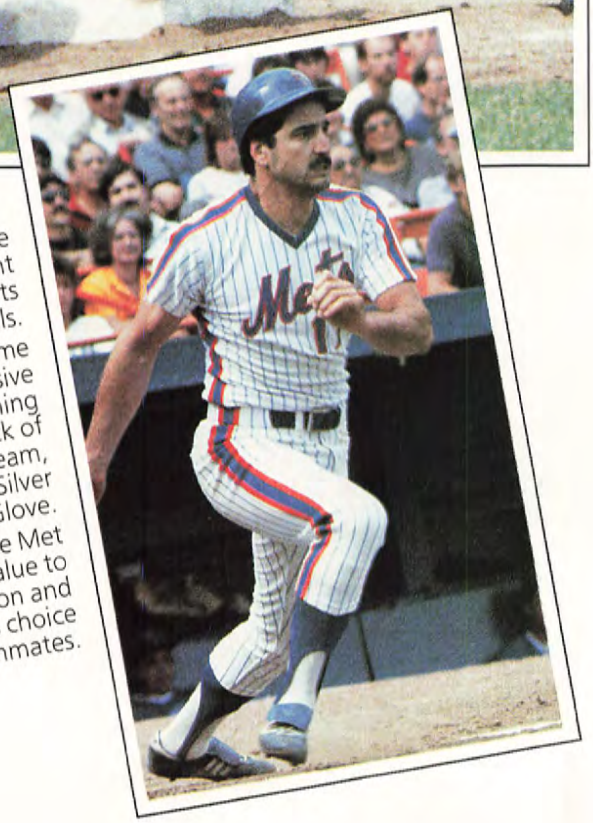
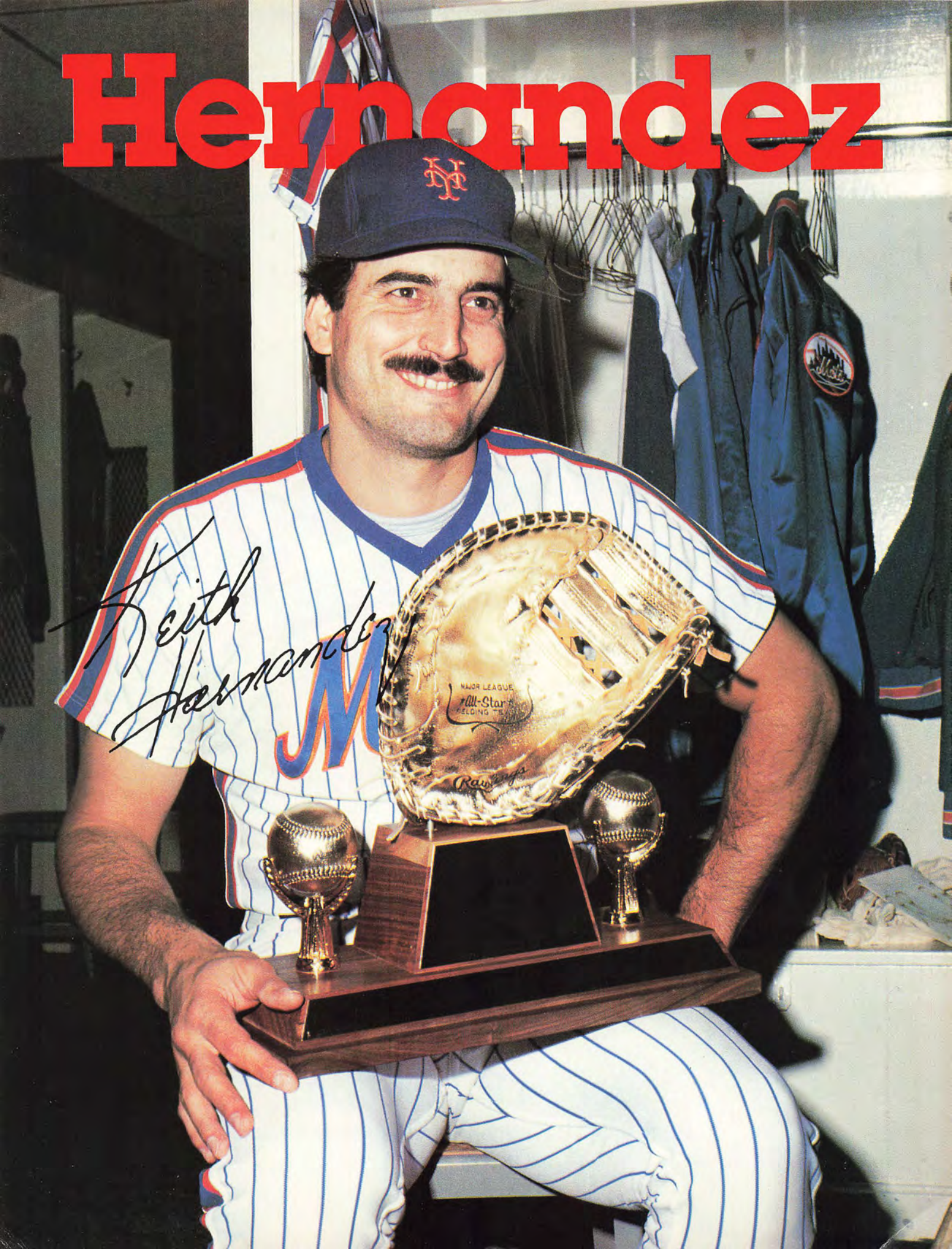
1984 STATS	
AVG.	.311
G	154
AB	550
R	83
HI	171
HR	15
RBI	94
SB	2



It's becoming more and more apparent that June 15, 1983, will become one of the most important dates in the club's history. That's the day the Mets acquired Keith Hernandez from the St. Louis Cardinals. Keith is the premier first baseman in the game today, and last year he led the Mets in nine offensive categories including average, hits and game-winning RBI's. His performance in '84 brought him a stack of honors including the Sporting News All-Star team, runner-up in the league MVP balloting, the Silver Slugger award and a seventh straight Gold Glove. One honor, in particular, the Most Valuable Met Award, probably is the most indicative of his value to the Mets. Keith's intense play and leadership on and off the field, made him the unanimous choice among his teammates.

Hernandez



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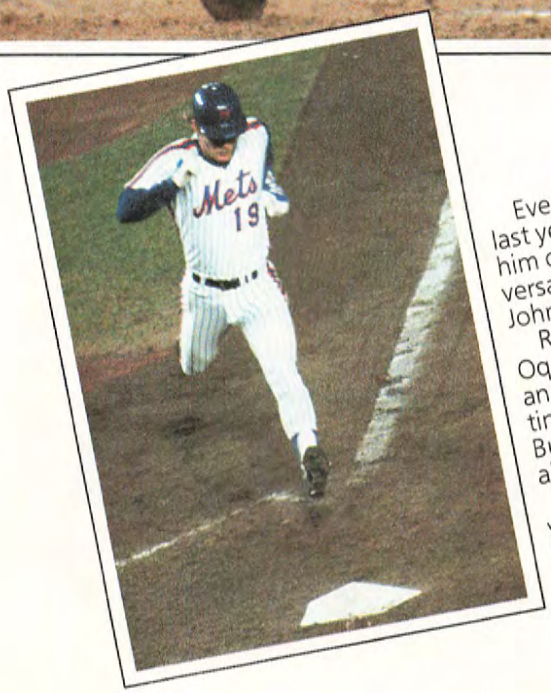


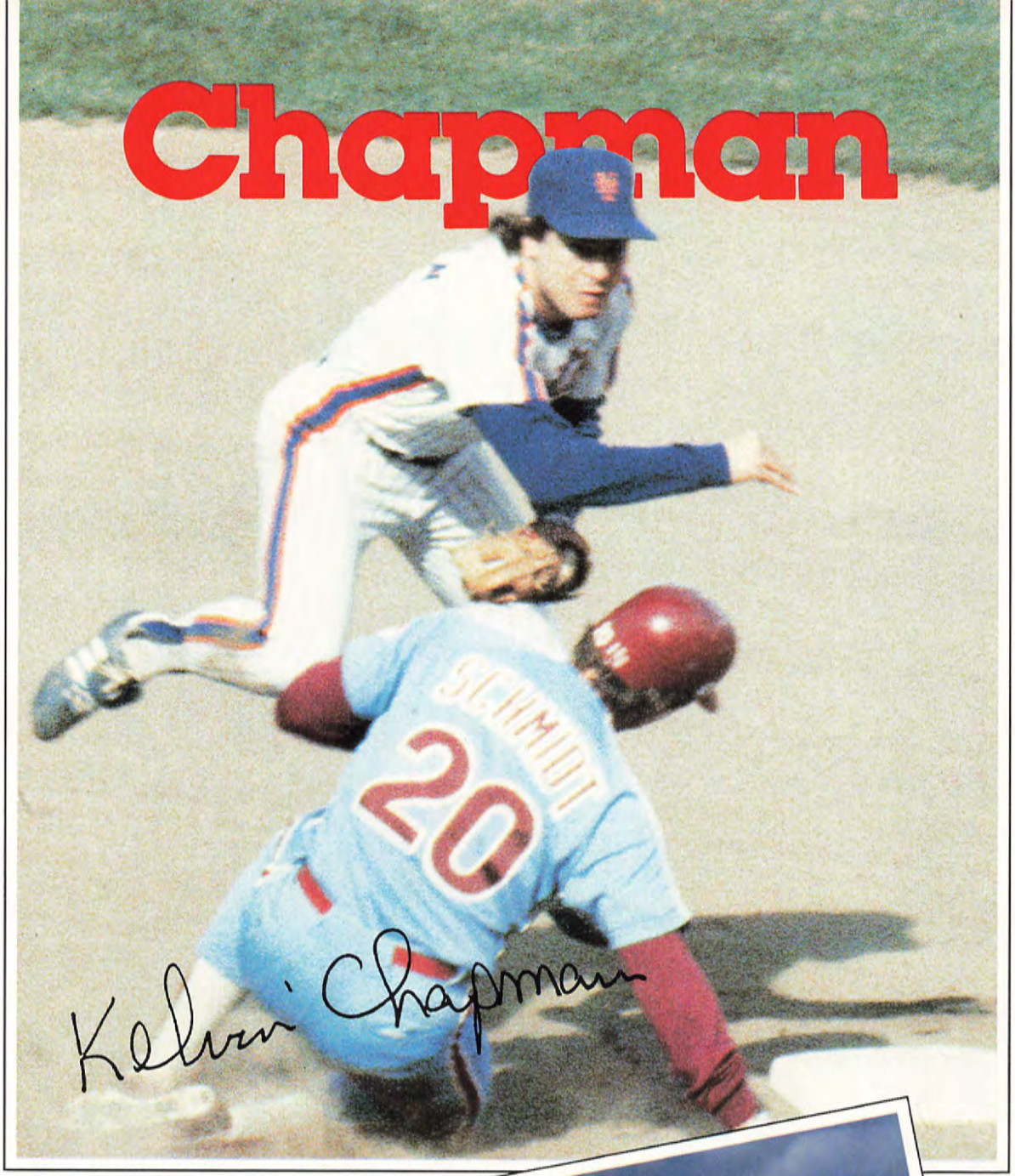
Everything was going just right for Ron Gardenhire last year when a pulled hamstring muscle knocked him out of lineup and a starting job. Once again, the versatile infielder is in a battle for a spot on Dave Johnson's lineup card.

Ron began '84 on the bench behind starter Jose Oquendo. When Jose slumped in June, Ron came in and did a superb job both in the field and at bat, hitting .317 from June 11 through the end of the year. But, on July 19 he pulled the leg muscle and while disabled, lost his starting job to Rafael Santana.

Whether or not he wins the starting job at short, you can be sure he will see plenty of action. Last year Ron played 18 games at second, seven at third, and 49 at short.

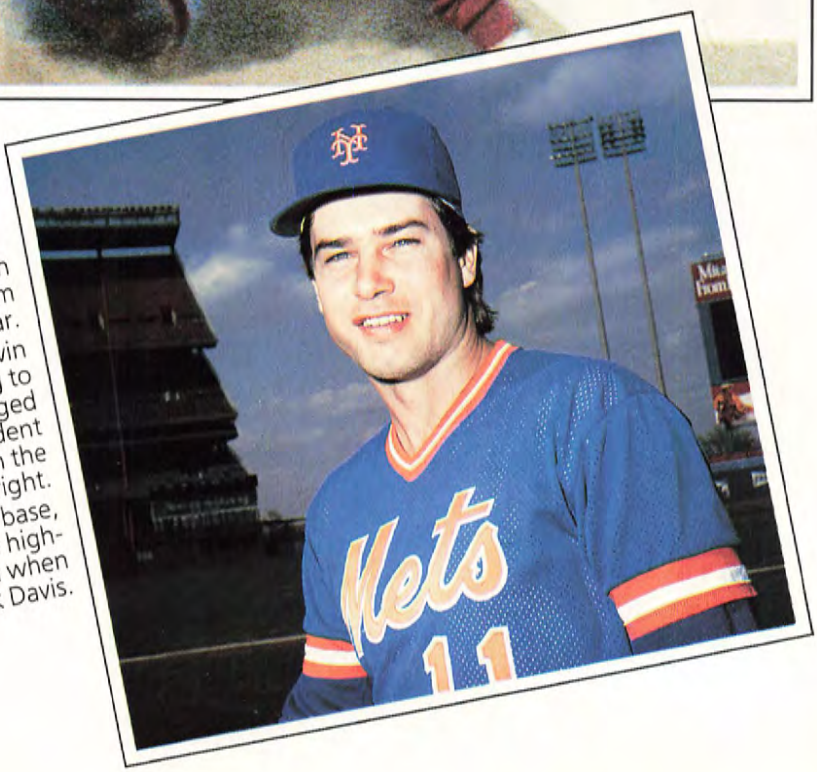
1984 STATS	
AVG	.246
G	74
AB	207
R	20
H	51
HR	1
RBI	10
SB	6

11 Chapman



1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
AVG.	.275	.289
G	12	75
AB	40	197
R	4	27
H	11	57
HR	0	3
RBI	6	23
SB	2	8

Luckily for the Mets, Kelvin Chapman turned down the club's offer to manage the Class-A Little Falls team in 1984, and opted instead to play one more year. After a brief stint with the Mets in 1979, Kelvin labored at triple-A for four years before returning to New York last May. Dave Johnson, who managed Kelvin at Tidewater two years ago, was confident that the 28-year-old infielder could play in the majors, and Kelvin proved him right. Platooning with Wally Backman at second base, Kelvin hit an impressive .289 in 75 games. The highlight of his season came on August 26th at Shea when he hit a grand-slam off the Giants' Mark Davis.



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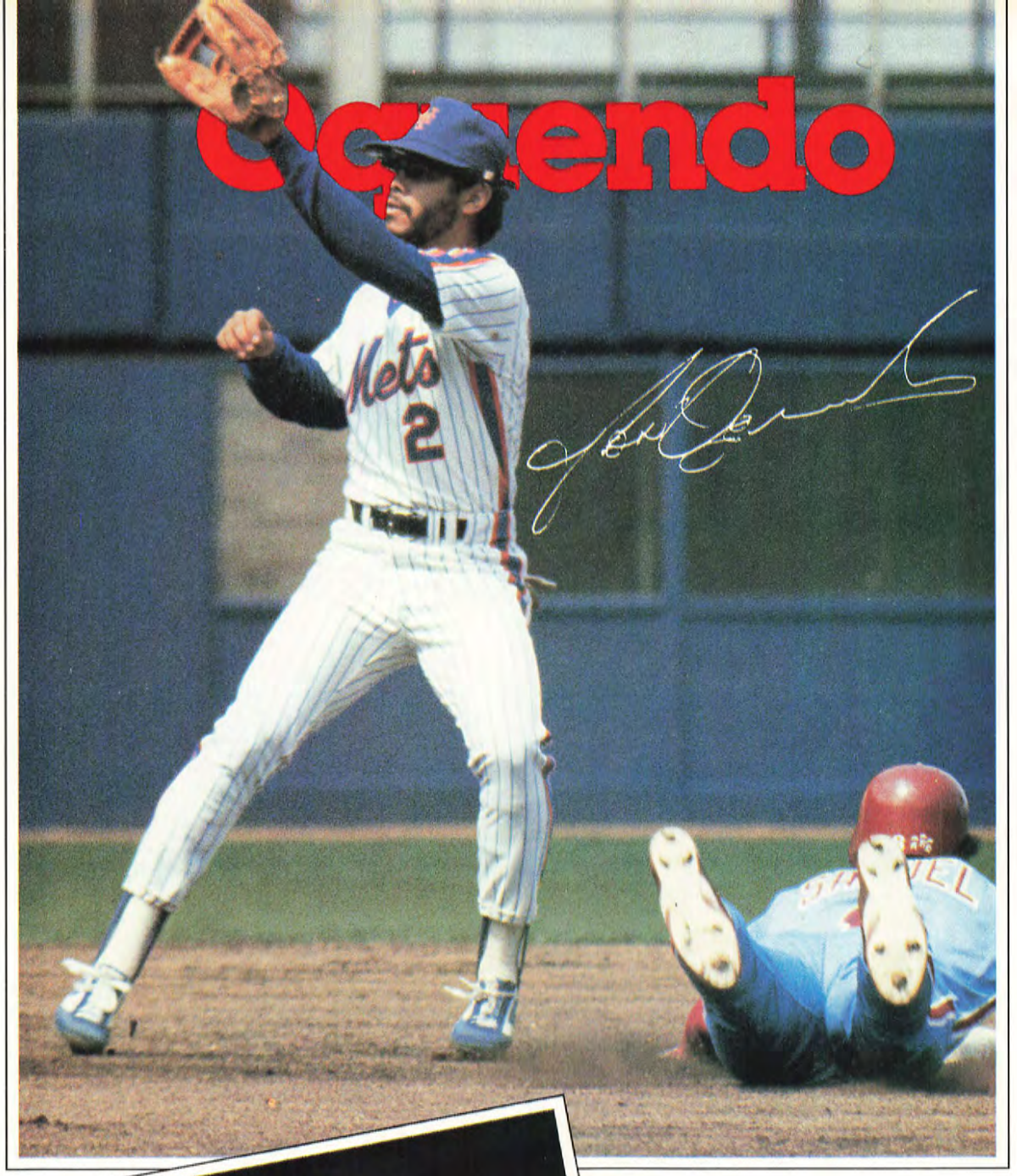
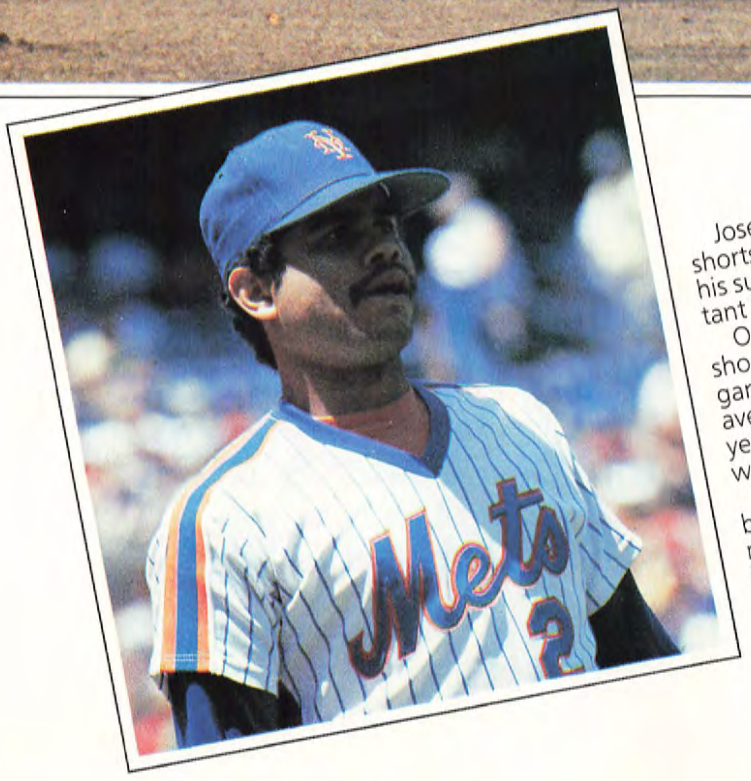


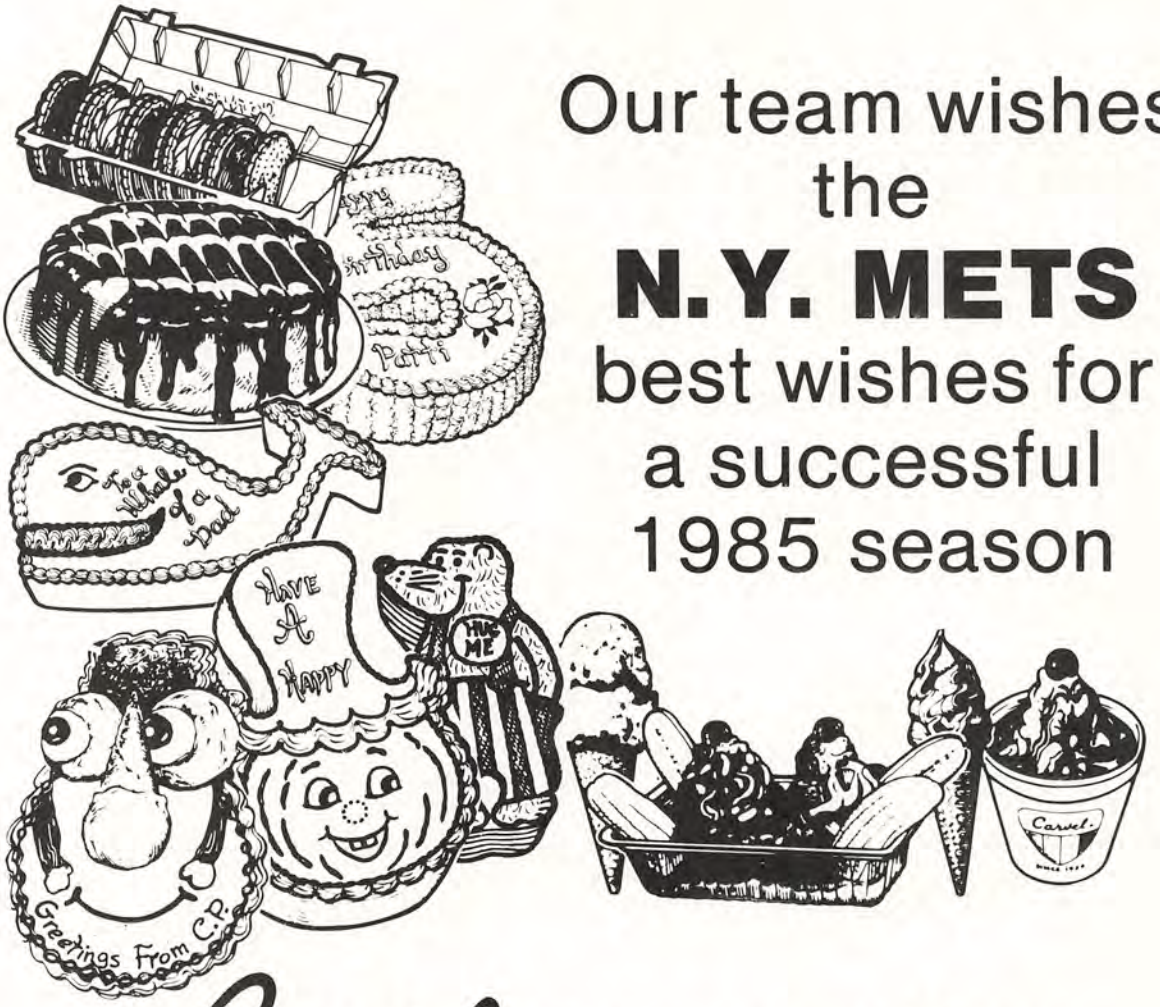
1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
AVG	.159	.222
G	38	81
AB	113	189
R	8	23
H	18	42
HR	1	0
RBI	8	10
SB	8	10



Jose Oquendo is one of baseball's top defensive shortstops. Coupled with this year's potent offense, his superb skills in the field could become very important in the Mets' success in 1985.

Once again, Jose will battle for the starting job at short. Last season he started 53 of the Mets' first 81 games before being sent down to Tidewater when his average stood at .218. He was recalled later in the year when Rafael Santana and Ron Gardenhire both went out with injuries.

Jose, 21-years-old but with six full seasons of pro ball behind him, played winter ball this year in his native Puerto Rico. He and his wife, Zenaida, also celebrated the birth of their first child over the winter—a daughter, Adianez.



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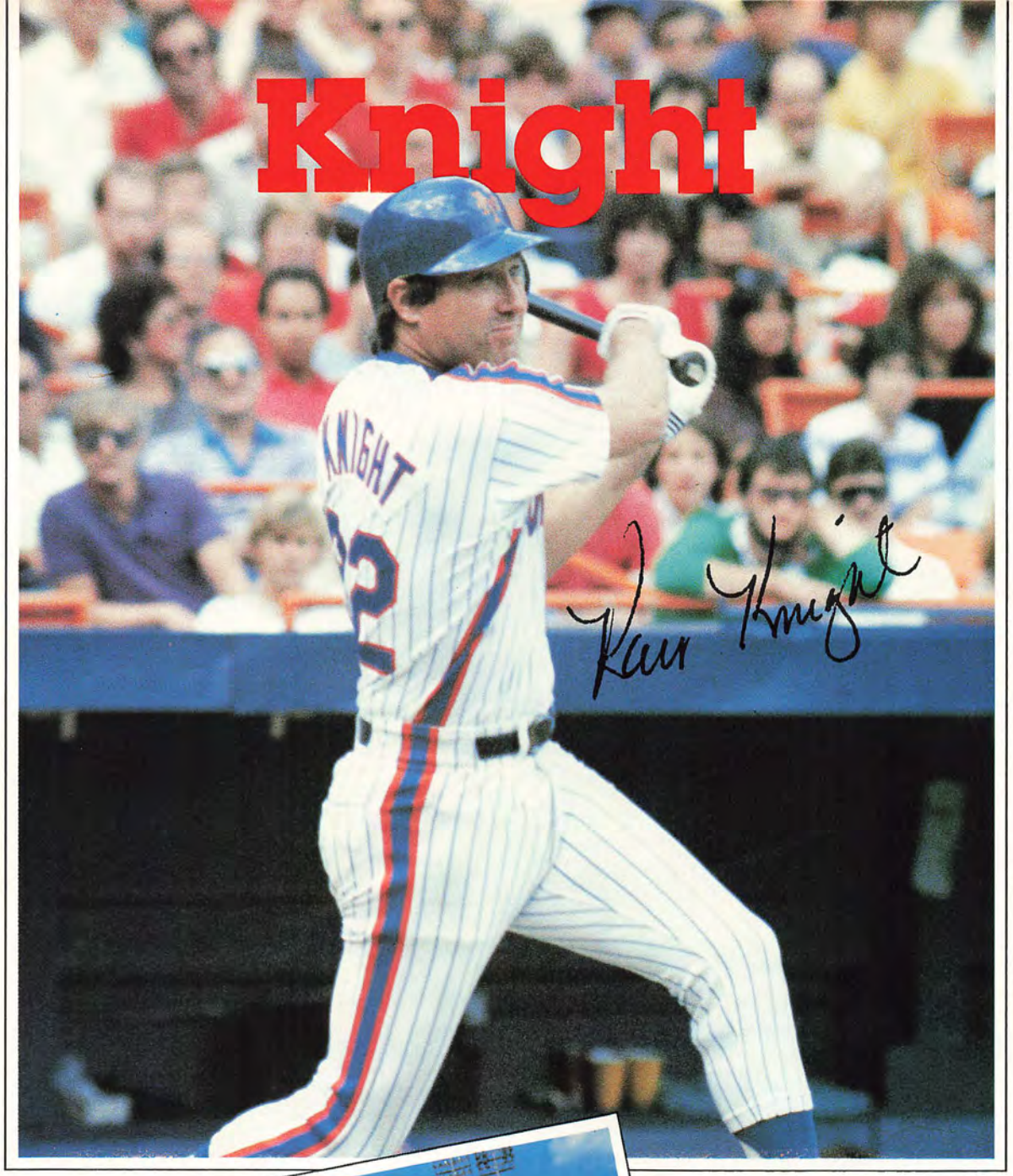
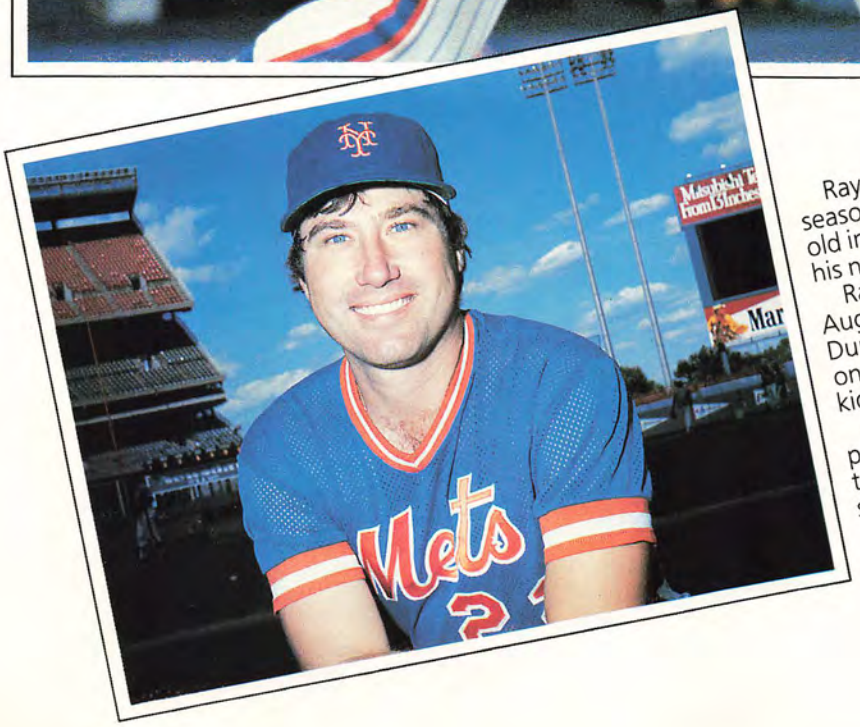


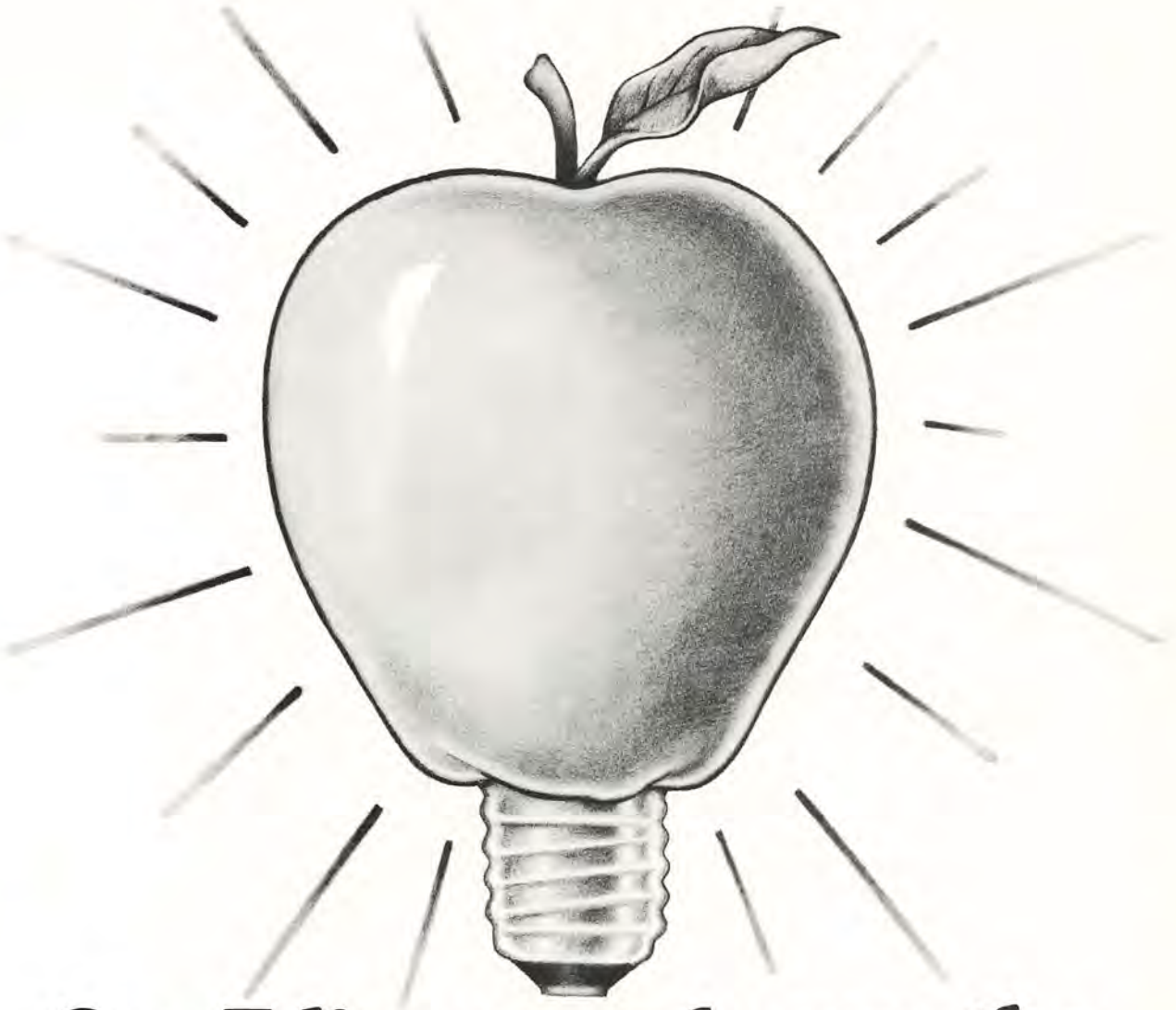
1984 STATS	
ASTROS/METS	
AVG.	.237
G	115
AB	371
R	28
H	88
HR	3
RBI	35
SB	0



Ray Knight is excited about 1985. Following a season hampered by illness and injury, the 32-year-old infielder is looking forward to a fresh start with his new team.

Ray came to New York from the Astros in late August, and hit .280 in 27 games in a Mets' uniform. During the year he had been hospitalized twice—once with a vertigo problem, and another time by a kidney stone attack.

Off-season surgery corrected a minor shoulder problem, so Ray is confident that he will revert to the form which has earned him a pair of All-Star selections and a .280 career batting average.



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1984 STATS	
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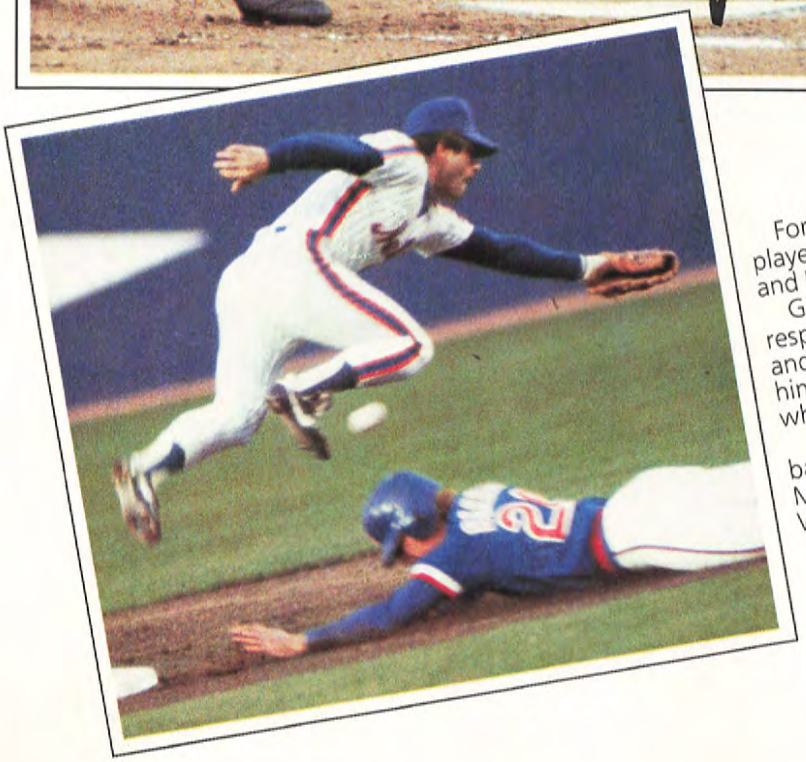
G	128
AB	436
R	68
H	122
HR	1
RBI	26
SB	32

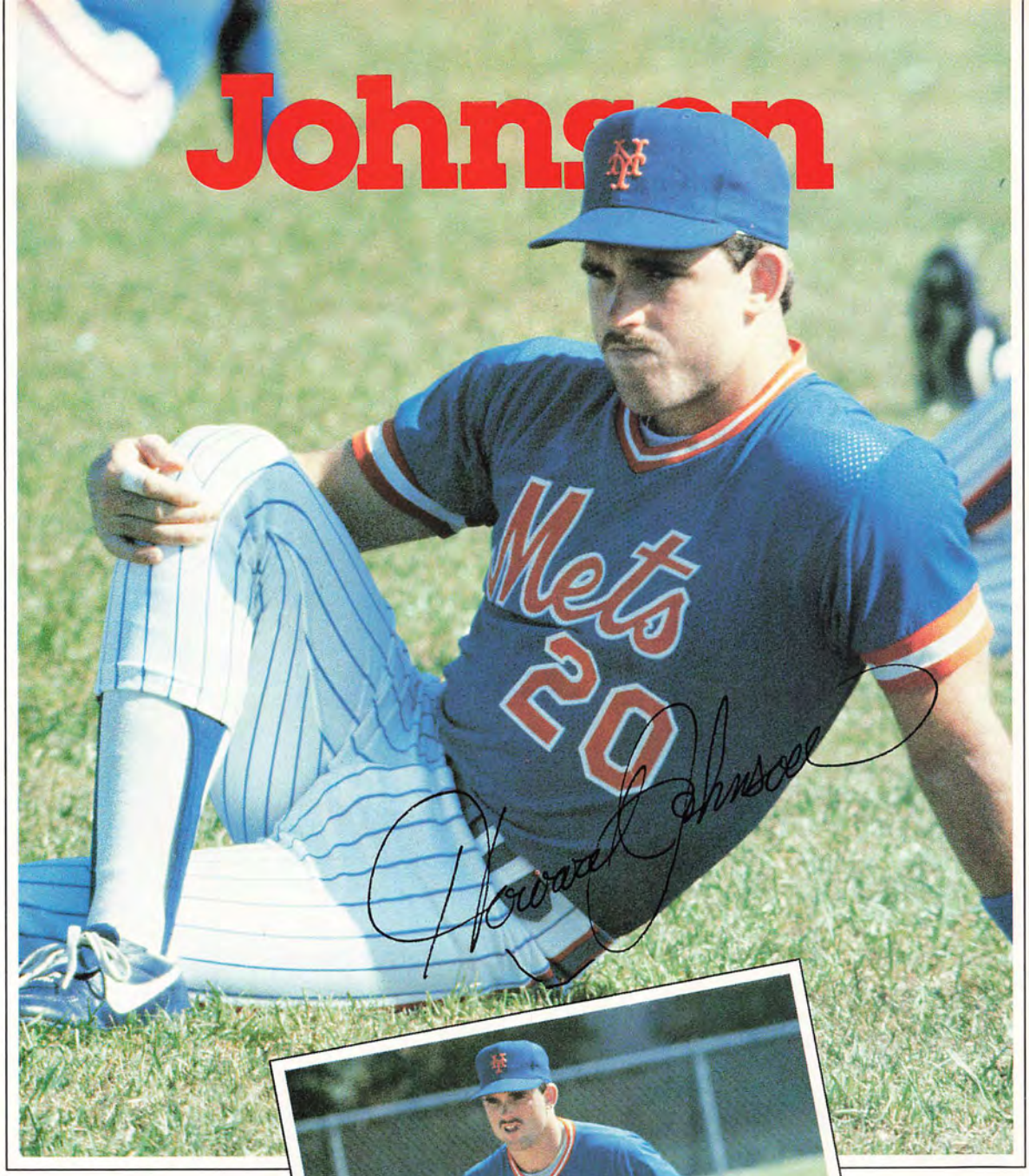


For four seasons Wally Backman was one of those players forced to ride the shuttle between Tidewater and New York. That was until 1984.

Given the opportunity to play regularly, Wally responded by hitting safely in 14 of his first 17 games and never let up. His hustle and determination made him a fan favorite at Shea, and he silenced all skeptics who questioned his ability to play in the majors.

Batting leadoff, the 25-year-old infielder reached base 36% of the time, and he finished second to Mookie with 32 steals. A tough clutch hitter, seven of Wally's 26 RBI's won games for the Mets.

20 Johnson



1984 STATS	
DETROIT	
AVG	.248
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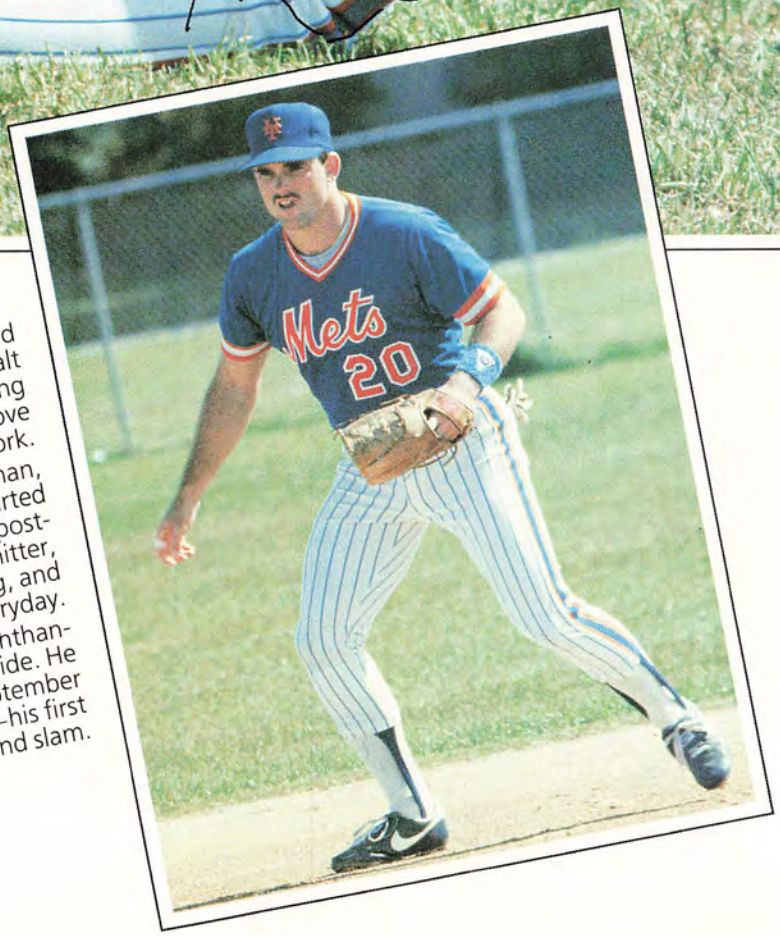
AB	355
R	43
H	88
HR	12
RBI	50
SB	10

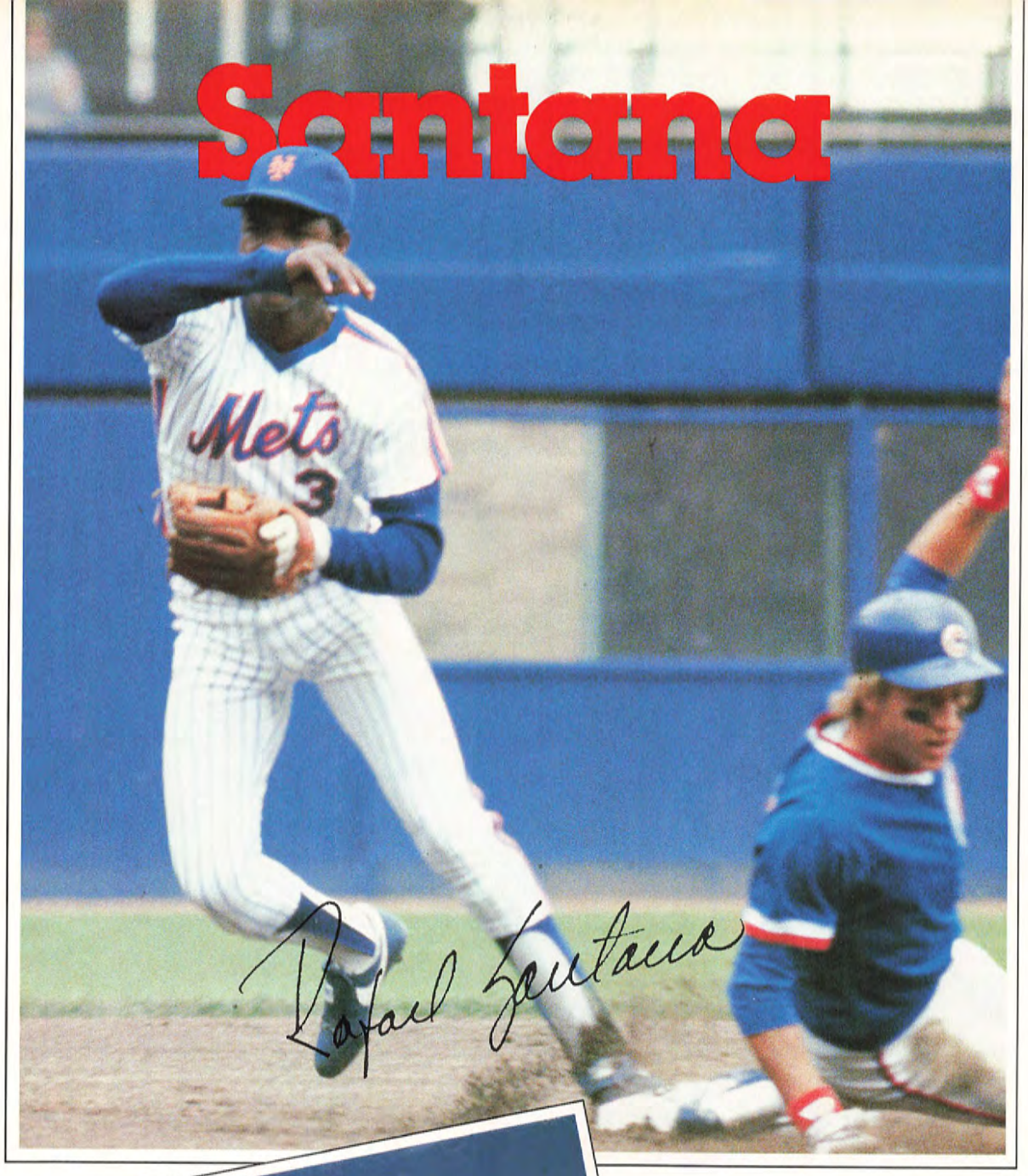


Howard Johnson was obtained from the World Champion Detroit Tigers last winter for pitcher Walt Terrell. "HoJo" is justly proud of the World Series ring he wears, but he couldn't be happier over his move to New York.

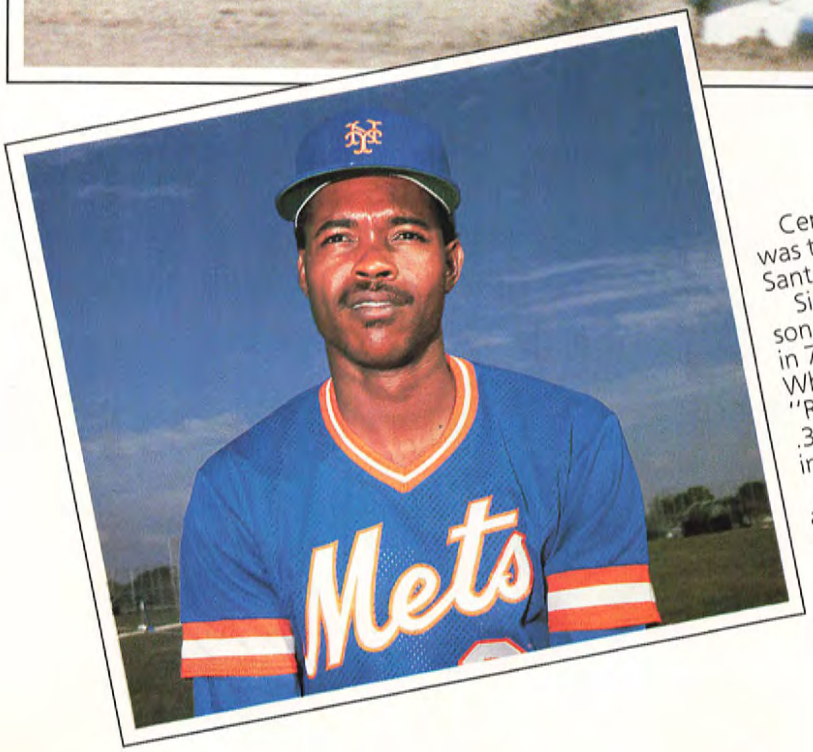
Howard wants to be the regular third baseman, something that didn't happen in Detroit. He started 99 games at third and belted 12 homers, but his post-season play was limited to one at-bat. A switch-hitter, Howard plans to earn the starting job this spring, and be on Dave Johnson's lineup card everyday.

Last year Howard played primarily against righthanders, ten of his homers coming from the left side. He hit his final homer in '84 at Milwaukee on September 25, and he'll remember it for a long time—his first career grand slam.

Santana 3



1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
AVG.	.278	.276
G	77	51
AB	255	152
R	34	14
H	71	42
HR	1	1
RBI	23	12
SB	10	0



Certainly one of the most pleasant surprises in 1984 was the emergence of 27-year-old infielder Rafael Santana.

Signed to a minor league contract prior to the season, Rafael began the year at Tidewater and hit .278 in 77 games before joining the Mets in early July. When Ron Gardenhire went down with an injury, "Raffy" stepped in, played superb defense, and hit .306 in 30 straight starts at short before he too was injured in late August.

After seven seasons in the minors with the Yankees and Cardinals, it looks like Rafael has found a home at Shea Stadium.

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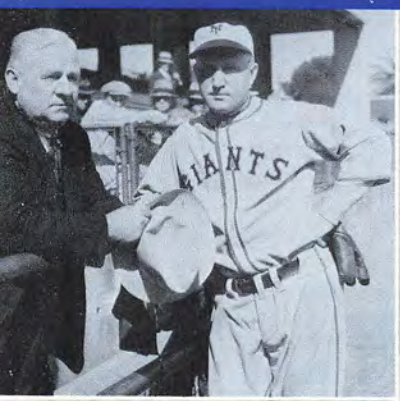
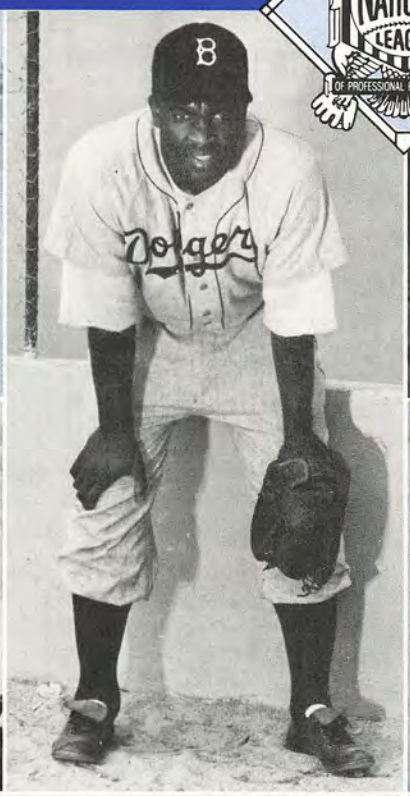
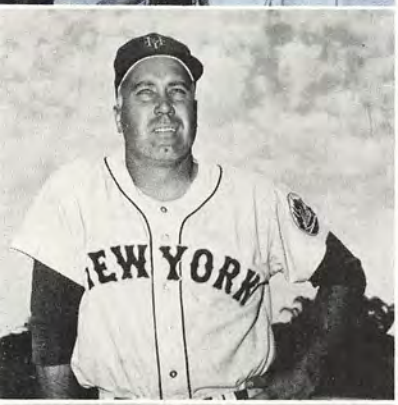
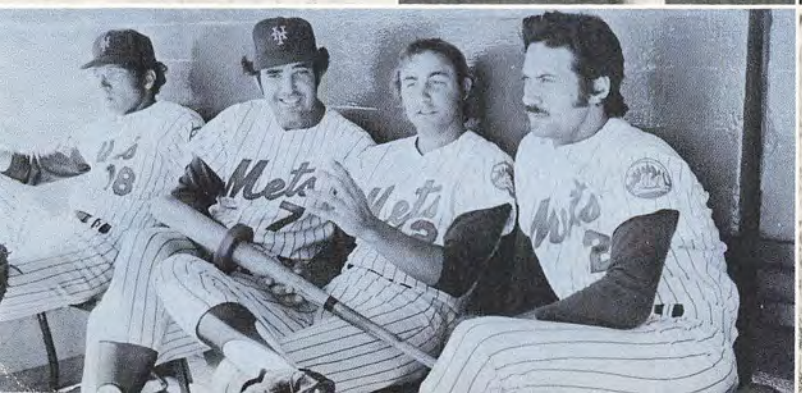
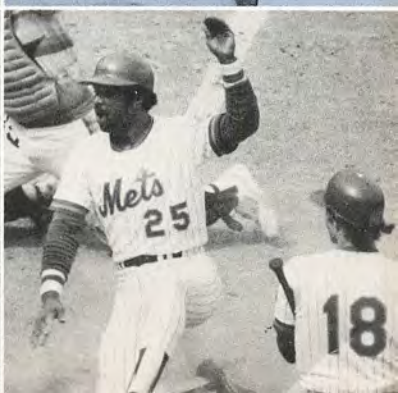










The Early Giants

They were the darlings of the brownstone set; the team that so symbolized the New York of the "elegant eighties." These were the early New York Giants, a ballclub owned by John B. Day, a wealthy manufacturer who lived in a brownstone house, wore a top hat and frock coat and carried a cane. And they were managed by James Mutrie, who, likewise, wore a top hat, carried a cane and came to work each day in a hansom cab. So, too, were the players cut of this likeness—Roger Connor, Monte Ward, Buck Ewing, Tim Keefe and James O'Rourke—Hall of Famers all in both appearence and ability.

Tim Keefe

John Montgomery Ward

Day had originally owned the New York Metropolitans of the fledgling American Association, but when the Troy team of the more established National League disbanded after a disastrous season in 1882, the wealthy industrialist took control of it and transferred it to New York. For awhile Day operated both the Metropolitans and his new National League team in the same ballpark—the Polo Grounds on 110th Street and Fifth Avenue. It was in 1885 that the National League team began emerging as New York's premier team. That year, Day shifted Keefe, a 37-game winner for the Metropolitans in 1884, over to the New York "Nationals."

Teaming up with Welch, Keefe formed the National league's most formidable 1-2 pitching punch in '85. Welch was 44-11 with a 1.66 ERA, while Keefe went 32-13 and led the league with a 1.58 ERA. Connor, the first baseman, led the league in hitting that year .371. It was in the course of the season, during one particularly-intense game, that Mutrie is reputed to have leaped off the bench and shouted to his troops: "My big fellows! My giants!" And a team nickname that would live forever in New York baseball lore was thus born.

Mutrie's "Giants" finished second to Cap Anson's Chicago White Stockings in 1885, slipped to third in '86 and fourth in '87. Then, however, came '88 and the first of the National League championship teams in New York. Amid the cry of "We are the People" along the gaslit streets to the Polo Grounds, Mutrie molded a team that outdistanced Anson's favored Chicago outfit by nine games in '88. Again, it was Keefe providing the impetus, his strong right arm accounting for a league-leading 35 victories as well as a 1.74 ERA which also paced all NL hurlers that year. Welch was 26-19 with a 1.93 ERA, while the batting attack was spearheaded by Connor (.291, 14 HR) and the catcher Ewing (.306). The '88 Giants concluded their historic New York season by whipping the American Association champions, St. Louis, in the World Series.

It was the same story in 1889, although, in repeating, the Giants barely edged the Boston club by one game. Connor led the league in RBI in '89 with 130, while the slick-fielding Ward at shortstop raised his average 48 points from '88 to .299. The victory over the American Association's champion, Brooklyn, in the '89 World Series would prove, however, to be the final triumph for Day and Mutrie.

Mickey Welch

James Mutrie

A decision by National League owners to set a salary limit of $2,800 in 1887 prompted the players to unionize in March of '89. Ward led the revolt on the Giants and, following the '89 season, he jumped to the newly-formed Players League as manager of the Brooklyn club. Ewing and Connor also jumped to the new league and in 1890 the Giants dropped to sixth. They did not regain their prominence until some 15 years later with the emergence of John McGraw.

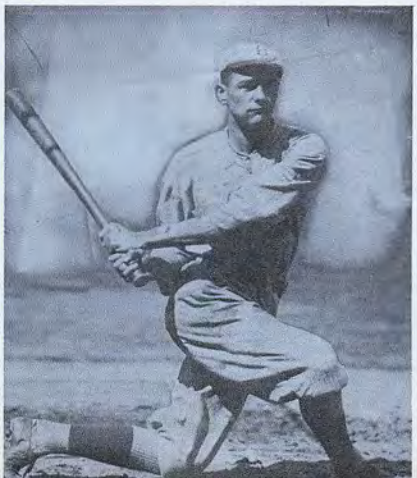
Dapper Jim Mutrie and the 1888 Giants, the first New York team to win a National League Pennant.

The Early Dodgers

Baseball in Brooklyn was a staple of the community long before 1883 when the Dodgers officially came into being. As far back as 1849, Brooklyn's Atlantic, Excelsior, Putnam and Eckford clubs were recognized as some of the best amateur teams in the country. And when the National Organization of Baseball Players came into being in 1857, the Brooklyn Atlantics quickly became one of its foremost aggregates, winning championships in 1864 and 1866 before earning the distinction of being the first team to defeat the fabled Cincinnati Red Stockings, baseball's first professional team, June 14, 1870.

It was not until 1883, however, that Brooklyn got its first professional team. A newspaperman, George Taylor, convinced a couple of New York businessmen, Charles H. Byrne and Joseph J. Doyle, to purchase a team in what was called the Intrastate League. A few years later, Byrne sold that team and purchased another in the American Association, rival to the National League, and dubbed them the "Trolley Dodgers"—a name generally associated with the inhabitants of Brooklyn. In 1890, Byrne's Dodger team switched to the more established National League and, in its first season in the circuit, finished first by six games ahead of Cap Anson's Chicago White Stockings. There were no Hall of Famers on that

Zack Wheat, Dodgers' all-time hit leader with 2,318 and a member of the Hall of Fame.



first National League champion from Brooklyn although rightfielder Thomas P. (Oyster) Burns led the league in RBI with 128.

The Brooklyn franchise of the National League quickly fell onto hard

Charles H. Byrne, owner of Brooklyn's first professional baseball team.

times after its initial success, at one point moving out of the borough to East New York. It was in 1898 that Byrne died and, in an election of all the stockholders, a minority holder named Charles Ebbets was elevated to President of the team. Ebbets' first decision was to move the team back to Brooklyn.

Another maneuvering of stock in the Brooklyn National League team brought Harry B. Von der Horst into the club as controlling owner. Von der Horst also owned the Baltimore Orioles National League powerhouse of that time, but he saw a much brighter financial future for himself in Brooklyn. Upon gaining control of the Brooklyn club, Von der Horst began transferring the nucleus of his hightly-successful Baltimore club—including its manager Ned Hanlon—to the Dodgers (which were still being run by Ebbets). Hanlon, winner of three straight National League pennants in Baltimore (1894-96) achieved immediate success in Brooklyn by winning the NL flag again in his first year at the helm, 1899. Of course, he had some help from a trio of future Hall of Famers—Willie Keeler, Hugh Jennings and Joe Kelley who had all come along with him from Baltimore. Keeler hit .377 in '99, Kelley .330 and Jennings .296 as the Superbas (as they were now called) outdistanced Boston by eight lengths.

In 1900, Hanlon's Superbas repeated as National League champions, beating out future Hall of Famer Fred Clarke's Pittsburgh Pirates by 4½ games. It was yet another Baltimore import who keyed the 1900 Brooklyn championship. The NL elected to cut its membership from 12 to 8 teams in 1900 with Baltimore dropping out altogether. Joe McGinnity, a tireless righthander who had been the Orioles' ace in 1899, continued his brilliance in Brooklyn, leading the NL in victories

Wee Willie Keeler, Hall of Fame outfielder for Dodgers and two-time NL Batting Champion.

(29-9) as well as games (45) and innings (347). In addition, the entire Brooklyn outfield of 1900 hit over .300 for Hanlon—Keeler (.368), Kelley (.319) and Fielder Jones (.309).

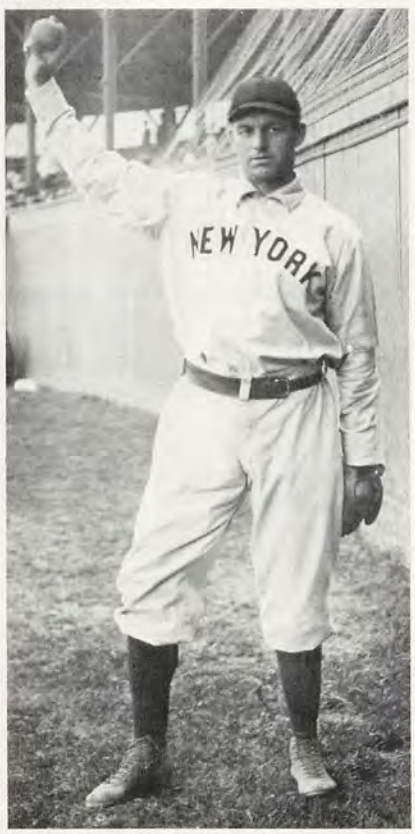
Unfortunately for Brooklyn, Hanlon's Superbas were severely raided after the 1900 season by the upstart American League. Keeler, McGinnity and Jones among others all jumped to the AL in the ensuing years and Brooklyn would not see another pennant-winner until 1916. An attempted takeover the team by Hanlon (who wanted to move it back to Baltimore) was thwarted when Ebbets borrowed heavily to buy out Von der Horst's stock.

John McGraw's Giants

The Players League raids proved disastrous for John B. Day, whose financial woes began mounting as the Giants began sinking in the National League standings. Day eventually sold controlling interest in the Giants to a New York attorney, Edward Talcott, who, in turn, passed the team on to a powerful and volatile Tammany Hall politician, Andrew Freedman.

Though Freedman's eight-year reign as Giants' owner (1895-1903) was marked largely by turmoil and acrimony—he waged war with managers, ballplayers, umpires, fans and the press—it did produce one genuine Giant: John McGraw. Having made no less than 14 managerial changes in seven years, Freedman was able to lure McGraw from the Baltimore club in the fledgling American League. McGraw, the son of an Irish immigrant, was only 29 years old when he arrived in New York to take over the Giants in July of 1902. He finished out that season (in which the Giants wound up last), then went to work over the winter rebuilding the team in his own image.

Iron Man Joe McGinnity, a Hall of Famer who won 31 games for Giants in 1903 and 35 in '04.



All-time great Giants' manager John McGraw, who won 10 National League Pennants, is flanked here by another Hall of Fame manager, Hugh Jennings (L).

McGraw's first decision was to release nine players from the 1902 club. Next, he undertook a couple of raids on his old Baltimore team in the AL and lured, among others, a rubber-armed righthander named "Iron Man" Joe McGinnity and a catcher, Roger Bresnahan, to New York. Both of them would go on to achieve Hall of Fame status under McGraw in addition to playing pivotal roles in the revival of National League baseball in New York.

One other key move by McGraw that winter was to coax righthander Dummy Taylor (who along with Christy Mathewson had been the heart of the '02 Giants' pitching staff) our of a premature retirement.

The triumvirate of Mathewson, McGinnity and Taylor proved to be the most formidable pitching staff in the National League in just two seasons. With McGinnity leading the league in wins (35-8) and ERA (1.61), Mathewson chipping in with 33-12 and Taylor winning 21 others, McGraw's Giants romped to the National League pennant by 13 games in 1904. But there was no World Series that year because Giants' owner John Brush (who had purchased the team from Freedman) despised American League President Ban Johnson and would not permit his team to play against the rival circuit's champion—despite a truce between the two leagues.

Nevertheless, McGraw's troops, who had won 106 games in '04, repeated as National League champions with 105 wins in 1905. This time it was Mathewson who led the league in wins (31-8) and ERA (1.27), while McGinnity went 21-15 and Tay-

lor 22-8. And that fall, at the behest of a ruling by the game's National Commission, the Giants played the Philadelphia Athletics in the renewal of the World Series. The A's were dealt a crippling blow before the Series began when their ace pitcher, Rube Waddell, suffered a shoulder injury in a friendly scuffle with a teammate. It may have made no difference, though. Mathewson, in a feat that is not likely to ever be duplicated, pitched three shutouts in the Series to lead the Giants to victory in five games.

McGraw did not win his next National League pennant until 1911 and only Mathewson and third baseman Art Devlin remained from the previous New York champions. Teaming up with Mathewson (26-13, 1.99 ERA) on the 1911 Giants' pitching staff was Rube Marquard, another future Hall of Famer, who posted a 24-7 mark. Chief Meyers, who had replaced Bresnahan as catcher, was the leading hitter (.332) on that '11 team which copped the flag by 7½ games over the Cubs.

Roger Bresnahan, Giants' Hall of Fame catcher who is credited with the chest protector.

McGraw's Giants lost to the Athletics, four games-to-two in the 1911 World Series and, in the process, created a legend in Frank "Home Run" Baker. Baker won games two and three with homers off Marquard and Mathewson respectively. And the following year, the Giants met similar disappointment after winning their fourth NL pennant for McGraw. The 1912 World Series will be forever remembered for Giants' outfielder Fred Snodgrass' muff of a leadoff fly ball in the bottom of the ninth of the eighth and deciding game. The Giants had taken a 2-1 lead behind

Longtime Giant third baseman Art Devlin, who spanned Giant pennant winners from 1904-12.

Mathewson with a run in the top of the ninth and Snodgrass' error paved the way for a two-run rally by the victorious Boston Red Sox.

In 1913, McGraw won his third straight National League pennant—and lost his third straight World Series, this one in five games to the Athletics of Connie Mack. Mathewson pitched only two more seasons for the Giants, and McGraw did not bring them back into first place again until 1917. Again, however, he met defeat in the World Series as the Chicago White Sox, behind the three-win pitching of Red Faber, defeated the Giants four games-to-two in the World Series.

It was not until 1921-24 that McGraw achieved his greatest measure of triumph with four straight National League pennants and two straight World Championship clubs. In 1921 and '22 the Giants defeated the Yankees (who had become their tenants in the Polo Grounds) in the World Series. In 1923, though, the Yankees moved into their own ballpark, Yankee Stadium, and were able to gain a measure of revenge by taking that World Series from the Giants. Still, that 1921-22-23-24 Giants team was one of the finest ever assembled and included five Hall of Famers: first baseman George "High Pockets" Kelly, second baseman Frankie Frisch, shortstop Dave Bancroft and outfielders Ross Youngs and Casey Stengel.

McGraw's tenure as Giants manager lasted 30 years—from 1902 to 1932 — and produced ten National League pennants and three World Championships. In 1932, however, the combination of failing health and a deterioration of relations with many of his players, prompted McGraw to resign as manager and turn the reins over to his future Hall of Famer first baseman, Bill Terry. Terry would go on to win pennants in 1936 and '37. The key players on those two championship clubs—Mel Ott in right field and Carl Hubbell on the mound—were nurtured into the organization by McGraw.

The heart of the early National League New York Giant pennant winners 1911-12-13. L to R: Fred Merkle (1B), Larry Doyle (2B), Christy Mathewson (P), John McGraw (Mgr.). Fred Snodgrass (OF).

Uncle Wilbert Robinson's Dodgers

Charley Ebbets, the pivotal owner of the Brooklyn Dodger franchise. It was Ebbets who made the club a Brooklyn natural resource.

Baseball in Brooklyn in the years following the turn of the century was marked by hard times. By 1905, the National League club had slid to last place and remained mired at or near the bottom of the league for the next 10 years. Perhaps, more than anything, what kept the franchise from collapsing or moving on was the indomitable spirit of its owner, Charley Ebbets. It was after another season of despair in 1914 that Ebbets reluctantly asked his manager, Bill Dahlen, to step down. As a replacement, Ebbets turned to the arch-rival Giants and lured Wilbert Robinson, who had long served as John McGraw's pitching coach.

Unbeknown to most National League people, McGraw and Robinson had actually had a falling out and, in moving over to Brooklyn, the rotund pitching master was determined to one day soon finish ahead of his old boss. The Brooklyn team Robinson inherited in 1914 was sprinkled with a few top-quality players, most notably first baseman Jake Daubert (who led the NL in batting in 1913 and '14) and outfielder Zack Wheat (who would one day be elected to the Hall of Fame). There was also an outfielder of some distinction—both as a hitter and a court jester. His name: Casey Stengel.

Robinson's first task, then, was to rebuild the Dodger pitching staff. A former catcher himself, he began by turning the catching duties over to a second-stringer, Otto Miller, in whom he saw the necessary qualities for handling pitchers. Of the pitchers he greeted in the spring of 1914, Robinson immediately took a liking to 6-3, 210-pound righthander Jeff Pfeffer. Through trades, Robinson picked up Larry Cheney, a veteran spitballer, from the Cubs, and Rube Marquard, whom he had nurtured into a big winner with the Giants.

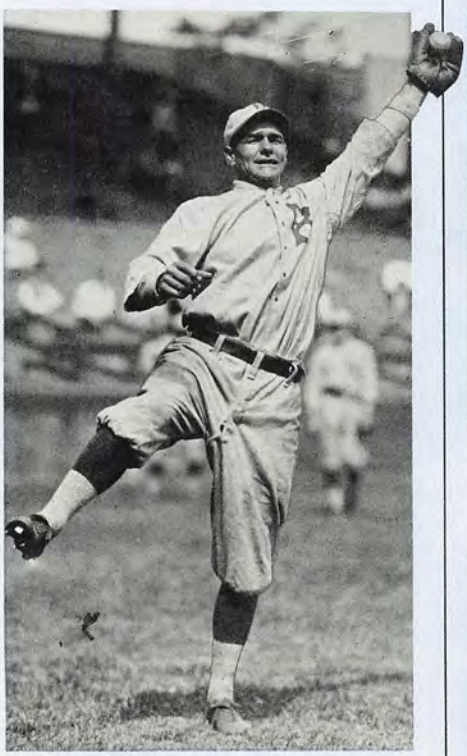
The Brooklyn National League franchise made immediate progress under Robinson, moving up third in 1915. And "Uncle Robbie" as the Brooklyn fans began to call him, was quickly the toast of the borough. It was not long, too, that the team was suddenly being called the "Robins" in deference to their mentor. It all reached the pinnacle of exhilaration in 1916 when the Robins, led by Daubert (.316), Wheat (.312), Pfeffer (25-11), Cheney (18-12) and Marquard (13-6, 1.58) stormed to the top of the National League with a 94-60 record. The pennant had come back to Brooklyn.

It was, however, a very short-lived triumph. For after losing the World Series to the Red Sox in five games, Uncle Robbie's ballclub began to come apart on him. The humiliating World Series defeat appeared to have

Hall of Famer Rube Marquard who came over from the rival Giants to help pitch Dodgers to the 1916 Pennant.

taken its toll the following season when the team dropped from first to last. Then, in 1918, the advent of World War I took Pfeffer away to the Navy. A contract dispute between Daubert and Ebbets resulted in the first baseman being traded after 1918, and Stengel and second baseman George Cutshaw were also dealt away. The Stengel/Cutshaw deal would prove to be a major plus for Robinson, though. For in return for that duo, Uncle Robbie acquired pitcher Burleigh Grimes from the Pirates.

With the conclusion of the war in 1918, the Robins' fortunes began improving as well. Grimes, Pfeffer, Marquard and Leon Cadore, the heart of Uncle Robbie's pitching staff, all returned from the service. In 1919, the Robins finished fifth, but the following year, events around them told of a truly remarkable season.



Hall of Famer Zack Wheat hit .312 for 1916 NL Champion Dodgers and won the batting title with .335 in '18.

The Cincinnati Reds had won the NL pennant in 1919 and gone on to defeat the favored Chicago White Sox in the World Series. As the 1920 season pushed onward into summer, word began filtering through baseball that the Reds had won only because some of the White Sox' players may not have played to their utmost ability. The "fix" stories may well have served to undermine the Reds' efforts to repeat in '20 and the Giants were dealt a crippling blow early when Frankie Frisch, their sparkplug second baseman, was

Burleigh Grimes was another Hall of Famer who had big years in Brooklyn, winning 23 in 1920, 22 in '21, 21 in '23 and '22 in '24.

Uncle Wilbert Robinson, acclaimed as greatest manager in Brooklyn Dodger history. He guided Dodgers for 18 years and won NL Pennants in 1916 and '20.

The legendary Hall of Famer Casey Stengel. Besides being a colorful and productive outfielder for Brooklyn, he managed Dodgers from 1934-36. Later, he would gain his greatest fame in New York as manager of the Yankees and first pilot of the Mets.

stricken with appendicitis.

In the meantime, Uncle Wilbert's Robins, spurred by the pitching of Pfeffer, Grimes and Cadore, got off to a good start and hung close to the Reds and Giants into July. On May 1 of that year, Cadore and Boston's Joe Oeschger hooked up in the longest game of all-time, a marathon 26-inning affair that ended in a 1-1 tie and two very weary pitchers. Cadore recovered to win 15 games that year and Grimes led Robbie's staff with 23 wins. After knocking the Reds out of the race in August, the Robins held off a late charge from the Giants in September to win the pennant by seven games.

In one of the wildest World Series ever—which featured an unassisted triple play (by Cleveland's Bill Wambsganss) and the first-ever Series grand slam homer (by Cleveland's Elmer Smith)—the Robins came up losers again, this time five games-to-two to the Indians.

Like 1916, the National League pennant for Brooklyn in 1920 was a short-term success. In 1921, the Robins sank to fifth place and the breakup of the pennant-winning club was immediate. Pfeffer, Marquard and first baseman Ed Konetchy were all traded in 1921. Uncle Robbie would bring the Robins back to as close as second in '24, but his remaining years at the helm in Brooklyn would not produce another pennant-winner. That would not occur until 1941, seven years after Uncle Robbie's death.

Branch Rickey's Dodgers

The years 1921-40 can best be described as the dark ages of the Brooklyn Dodger franchise although there was surely plenty of "color" associated with them. The "Daffiness Dodgers" of the '30s—Babe Herman, Dazzy Vance, Bobo Newsom, Van Lingle Mungo et al—made their share of headlines, but they did not win any pennants. It was not until 1937 when (at the advice of National League President Ford Frick) the Dodgers turned to Larry MacPhail, the impressario of the Cincinnati Reds, and the baseball fortunes of Brooklyn began taking a decided turn for the better.

MacPhail, who had won nationwide acclaim for his innovative measures in Cincinnati (which included the introduction of night baseball), became executive vice president of the Dodgers in January of 1938. Upon being given a free reign and an open pocketbook from the discouraged Dodger owners, MacPhail immediately began building a ballclub that would restore the NL pennant to Brooklyn before the outbreak of World War II. The fiery redhead's first move was to purchase first baseman Dolph Camilli from the Phillies for $50,000. Following the 1938 World Series (and a season in which the Dodgers finished seventh), MacPhail fired manager Burleigh Grimes and replaced him with Leo Durocher.

Larry McPhail (L) shakes hands with his manager, Leo Durocher, in one of the more calm and peaceful moments together for Brooklyn's stormy perils.

Branch Rickey, architect of Brooklyn's National League dynasty 1947-1956.

The seeds were sewn for a revival in Brooklyn, although there were still more moves to be made. Whitlow Wyatt, a journeman righthander, was purchased from the Milwaukee minor league club of the American Association; second baseman Billy Herman was acquired from the Cubs in a May 1941 trade; and, same year, two rookies made their bow in Brooklyn: Harold "Pee Wee" Reese and Pete Reiser. Earlier, MacPhail had made two other key purchases—righthander Kirby Higbe from the Phillies for $100,000 and catcher Mickey Owen from the Cardinals for $60,000 and two players—during the 1940 World Series.

It was that nucleus of MacPhail's—Higbe, Wyatt, Herman, Camilli, Reese, Reiser, Owen and Durocher as manager—that returned the World Series to Brooklyn in 1941.

That 1941 Brooklyn contingent defeated the heavily-favored St. Louis Cardinals by 2½ games. Higbe and Wyatt won 22 games each—tops in the NL — while Camilli led the league in homers (34) and RBI (120). In the World Series that year, however, the Dodgers were badly overmatched by the Yankees, who defeated them in five games.

Two months after the '41 World Series, Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States was thrust full blast into the World War. In 1942, the Dodgers won a club record 104 games and still finished second to the Cardinals. Following that bittersweet season, MacPhail abruptly decided to go back into the army as a lieutenant colonel. The Dodgers needed a new man to run the ball-

club and once again Frick intervened, this time suggesting Branch Rickey. Rickey, whose acumen was responsible for the powerful Cardinal teams in St. Louis, agreed to come to Brooklyn. And, like MacPhail, he wasted no time in making his presence felt.

In building a budding dynasty in St. Louis, Rickey employed the theory that "out of quantity you get quality" and signed as many players as he could possibly play. Among other achievements, he is responsible for the farm system in baseball, although in Rickey's day, the minor leagues were far more expansive. Recognizing that the War would take its toll on the present Dodger contingent which MacPhail had assembled, Rickey began making moves for the future. A farm system was quickly built through a vigorous scouting and signing program. And out of it were spawned such future Brooklyn fixtures as Duke Snider, Carl Furillo, Carl Erskine, Clem Labine, Gil Hodges and Johnny Podres.

Dolf Camilli, Dodgers' first baseman who was NL RBI Champ and Most Valuable Player in 1941.

But of all the Rickey signings, none would have more impact on Brooklyn, the National League and baseball as a whole than Jackie Robinson. It was Rickey's bold decision to break baseball's color barrier by signing Robinson in 1947 that brought baseball into the modern age. It also brought eight more National League pennants to New York. For it is hard to imagine the Dodgers winning the NL flag in '47, '49, '52, '53, '55 or '56 without the accomplishments of Robinson (Hall of Fame, MVP in '49, Rookie of the Year in '47, lifetime .311 avg.), Roy Campanella (Hall of Fame, MVP in '51, '53 and '55) or Don Newcombe (Cy Young and MVP in '56). Nor is it likely the Giants would have been able to keep the NL pennant in New York in '51 and '54 without the contributions from one Willie Howard Mays.

Indeed, Rickey's Dodgers, like Rickey's Cardinals of the pre-War era, became the scourge of the National

Jackie Robinson's first day in the major leagues. From left to right, he is surrounded by his Dodger infield partners: Spider Jorgensen, Pee Wee Reese and Eddie Stanky.

The boys of summer sluggers, L to R: Duke Snider, Gil Hodges, Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese, Roy Campanella. They combined to bring six pennants to Brooklyn with their big bats.

Duke Snider, the Dodgers' all-time home run leader, led NL in homers in '56 and RBI in '55.

Jackie Robinson, shown here in his Kansas City Monarchs uniform, broke baseball's color line in 1947.

League following the global conflict. With an infield that featured Hodges at first, Robinson at second, Reese at short and Billy Cox at third, an outfield that included Furillo in right, Snider in center, and with Campanella behind the plate plus a pitching staff that alternately included Erskine, Newcombe, Podres, Preacher Roe, Labine and Joe Black, the Dodgers never lacked for All Stars during that glorious decade, 1947-56. Rickey needed to make few trades to create his dynasty. In fact, the only deal of major significance was the one which brought Roe and Cox from the Pirates in 1947. In that one, Rickey surrendered Dixie Walker, the so-called "Peepul's Cherce" of Brooklyn. But the howls of protest died quickly when pennant upon pennant began being hoisted above Ebbets Field almost every season.

Unfortunately for Rickey, he was not around to bask in much of the glory of his work. The gradual rise of Walter O'Malley from minority owner to principal owner of the Dodgers eroded Rickey's power base and on Oct. 26, 1950 he resigned as club president. He was replaced by O'Malley, who, in turn, presided over four more National League pennants in Brooklyn before shifting the team to Los Angeles in 1957.

It was not until 1955 that the Rickey-built Dodgers were able to at last win a World Series as well. By then, Robinson and Reese were both 36 and nearing the end of their careers. They were the heart and soul of those great Dodger teams. The '55 season belonged to Campanella, who copped NL MVP honors by hitting .318 with 32 homers and 107 RBI, to Newcombe, who was 20-5, and to Snider, who led the NL in RBI with 136 along with his 42 homers. But in the Series, it was Podres, the cocky young lefthander who finally tamed the Yankees. With two complete game victories, including a 2-0 shutout in the decisive seventh, Podres earned immortality with the Flatbush Faithful by pitching the Dodgers to their one and only World Championship in Brooklyn.

It was a record start—10 straight wins and 22 out of their first 24—that signaled the Dodgers' 1955 success. In 1956, it wasn't quite so decisive. They did not win the pennant in '56 until the final day of the season and in doing so, only Snider (.292, 43 HR, 101 RBI) and Newcombe (27-7) had what you could call super years. When they lost to the Yankees in the World Series (falling victim to Don Larsen's perfect game in the process) it marked the end of National League pennant winners in New York until the advent of the Mets in another borough and another decade.

Stoneham's Giants

On Jan. 7, 1936, almost 16 years after he bought the New York Giants from the estate of John T. Brush, Charles Stoneham, a vital and forceful figure in the National League, died. He left his share of the club to his son, Horace, who gradually came into his own as a National League clubowner with the same sort of vision and courage of his convictions as the elder Stoneham. In his early tenure as Giants' owner, Horace Stoneham took it upon himself to remove two of the most popular Giants ever—Bill Terry and later Mel Ott—as managers of the club. It was Stoneham's decision to relieve the genial Ott on July 16, 1948 that set the stage for the last of the New York Giant National League championship clubs.

Under Ott, the 1947 Giants were a team fashioned around a record-setting home run attack. The '47 Giants crashed 221 homers, more than any other team in history. Johnny Mize, the Giants' big first baseman, led the club and the league with 51 homers and 138 RBI that year, while catcher Walker Cooper contributed 35 homers, right fielder Willard Marshall 36, center fielder Bobby Thomson 29 and left fielder Sid Gordon 13.

But the '47 Giants finished a distant fourth and Stoneham, reluctantly resigned to change, replaced Ott as manager with Leo Durocher—the same Leo Durocher whom Giant fans had grown to hate for his aggressive, swashbuckling managing style that led the Dodgers to the NL pennant in 1941.

Durocher had been suspended by Baseball Commissioner Happy Chan-

The core of the Stoneham-Durocher Giants: From left to right, Whitey Lockman (1B), Davey Williams (2B), Henry Thompson (3B), Alvin Dark (SS), Don Mueller (RF), Willie Mays (CF), Monte Irvin (LF), Wes Westrum (C).

dler for the 1947 season because of his associations with known gamblers. Stoneham, having decided to change managers, approached Dodger president Branch Rickey about the possibility of obtaining the services of Burt Shotton, who had won the NL pennant in '47 for Brooklyn as Durocher's interim manager. Much to Stoneham's surprise, Rickey offered Durocher's services and the deal—much to the utter shock of National League fans in New York—was struck.

Durocher's style of baseball, however, was decidedly in contrast to that of the '47 Giants and he immediately set out to transform the team into his own image. One-by-one, the slow-footed sluggers were sent packing, while in their place Durocher began constructing a team that relied on the "intangibles" of baseball—daring and aggressive baserunning, hit-and-run, bunting, timely hitting and, in moderation, the long ball.

The key deal engineered by Durocher took place on Dec. 14, 1949. On that day, the Giants sent Marshall, Gordon and shortstop Buddy Kerr to the Boston Braves in exchange for the second baseshortstop combo of Eddie Stanky and Alvin Dark. It was a deal that brought storms of criticism on Durocher, but one that he justified by saying: "We've got the maneuverability and defense the Braves had and now they've got to wait for the long ball like we did."

It did not take long for Stanky and Dark to click as the best DP combo the Giants had had in years. But Durocher made other moves that paid almost equal dividends two years later. With Gordon and Marshall departed from the outfield, Durocher looked to the farm system and handed right and left respectively over to a couple of youngsters, Don Mueller and Monte Irvin, in 1950. Then, in 1951, Durocher, looking for that last piece in the puzzle, implored Stoneham to let him have a 20-year old centerfielder who was hitting .477 at Minneapolis of the American Association. The kid's name: Willie Mays. Durocher immediately turned center field in the Polo Grounds over to Mays and it meant moving Bobby Thomson to third base.

On Aug. 11, 1951, Durocher's Giants were in second place in the National League—13½ games behind the Dodgers. The next day, behind the pitching of Al Corwin and Larry Jansen, they swept a doubleheader from the Phillies to start a 16-game winning streak and the greatest comeback in baseball history. In six weeks, they closed the 13½-game gap and forced a three-game playoff with the Dodgers to decide the NL pennant. In the first game, the Giants were 3-1 victors thanks to homers by Thomson and Irvin. The Dodgers came back to win the second game, 10-0, forcing one final showdown between the fierce New York City rivals.

The heart of the record setting 1947 slugging Giants. From L to R: Bobby Thomson, Willard Marshall and Johnny Mize. Mize led the league in homers that season with 51.

Ralph Branca playfully chokes Bobby Thomson the day after "the shot heard 'round the world."

The Dodgers, behind the pitching of Don Newcombe took a 4-1 lead into the ninth inning of the final playoff game when Dark and Mueller led off with base hits. One out later, Whitey Lockman doubled to score Dark and cut the Brooklyn lead to 4-2. At that point, Dodger manager Charlie Dressen removed Newcombe and brought in Ralph Branca to face

Leo Durocher (second from right) and his Giant coaches: Frankie Frisch (L), Herman Franks and Red Kress. Durocher managed the Giants to pennants in 1951 and 1954 after piloting the Dodgers to the '41 NL Flag.

Thomson. Thomson, who had homered off Branca in game one, then forever etched his name in the annals of New York baseball history by homering again. It was not a gigantic homer by any means—just a drive down the leftfield line that made it into the lower deck—but it is always to be remembered as the "shot heard 'round the world." And as Thomson circled the bases, Giants broadcaster Russ Hodges was simply delirious with joy in hs description of the moment: "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!"

Dusty Rhodes is greeted by teammates Willie Mays (24) and Hank Thompson (16) after clouting one of his clutch homers in memorable 1954 World Series vs. Indians.

That was "Miracle of Coogan's Bluff" but, for all intents and purposes, it ended with that historic homer. For in the '51 World Series, the Giants had no more miracles to throw at the Yankees and were defeated rather handily in six games.

An even worse development befell the Giants after the 1951 World Series: Willie Mays was drafted into the Army. With Mays gone, the Giants fell to second in '52 and fifth in '53. However, the wondrous center fielder returned for 1954 and demonstrated the two-year hitch in the service had done nothing to dull his enormous skills.

Mays batted .345 in 1954 to win the National League batting crown and he accentuated that with 41 homers and 110 RBI to win Most Valuable Player honors. And they were well-deserved honors. For in winning the National League pennant by five games over the Dodgers, the Giants were quite clearly a totally different ballclub in 1954 from the one that played without Willie Mays the previous two seasons.

Durocher was also able to support Mays with a pitching staff that led the NL in ERA (3.09) in '54. Johnny Antonelli (21-7, league-leading 2.30 ERA) anchored the staff with Ruben Gomez contributing 17 wins and Sal Maglie 14. In the bullpen, there was the knuckleballing Hoyt Wilhelm and the veteran Marv Grissom who combined for 26 saves. But it was in the World Series that the '54 Giants set themselves apart as one of the greatest National League champions from New York.

They met the Cleveland Indians who had managed to break the Yankees' string of five straight pennants by winning an AL record of 111 games. The Indians were heavy favorites to defeat Durocher's Giants in the Series—maybe because they didn't know about Dusty Rhodes.

James Lamar "Dusty" Rhodes had been one of the unsung contributors to the Giants' run for the NL pennant in '54, although he did hit .341 with 15 homers in a reserve outfielder/pinch hitter role. In the World Series he punctuated that role with seven RBI and a .667 average in the three games he played. His ninth-inning pinch hit home run off Bob Lemon won the first game, 5-2; his homer and RBI single won the second game 3-1 and in the third game he delivered once more in the pinch with a two-run bases-loaded single in the third inning that sent the Giants off to a 6-2 win. The Giants went on to sweep the Series with a 7-4 triumph in the fourth game that, somehow, was accomplished without an appearance by Dusty Rhodes.

The Coming of the Mets

The year 1957 was one of immense sadness for every fan of National League baseball in New York. For it was after that season both the Dodgers and Giants packed up all their bats, balls and gloves and departed The City for the west coast. For the first time since 1882, New York City was without National League baseball.

Almost immediately after the Dodger and Giant departures, a movement was underway in New York to bring a new baseball team to the city to fill the void. The movement was called the Continental League. Spearheaded by a New York attorney named Bill Shea, the fledgling "third league" awarded franchises to New York, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Toronto, Denver, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Houston, Buffalo and Atlanta. To serve as President of the new league, Shea and his associates chose Branch Rickey.

Tom Seaver, Mets' all-time pitching ace, holding one of his 3 Cy Young Awards.

It was Rickey, builder of dynasties in St. Louis and Brooklyn, who gave the new league enough credence to force the existing National and American Leagues to expand by two clubs apiece and thus put an end to the Continental challenge. In 1962, one year after the American League added California and Washington to its eight-club circuit, the National League followed suit by awarding expansion franchises to Houston and New York. The New York Mets were born. They were Bill Shea's brainchild but they were owned by Mrs. Joan Payson.

The Mets' early years were entertaining if nothing else. Under the field directorship of aged Casey Stengel, and later Wes Westrum, the early Mets teams from 1962-1967 set new milestones for National League futility. Gradually, though, the journeyman expansion ballplayers were being replaced by home grown products who would start to bring respectability to the new National League entry from New York.

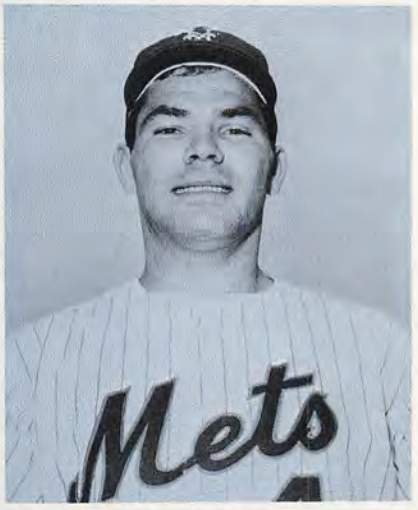
It was after the 1967 season that the Mets obtained the services of their original first baseman, Gil Hodges, to manage the team. Hodges had already begun earning himself a reputation as one of the more astute young managers in the game with his handling of the moribund Washington Senators. Under his guidance, the Mets escaped the National League cellar for only the second time of their existence in 1968, finishing ninth. A nucleus of future excellence was being formed, however.

Hodges' first key move was to begin developing a pitching staff that could carry the club out of the depths. He built around two homegrown products, righthander Tom Seaver and lefthander Jerry Koosman. Seaver, the National League Rookie of the Year in 1967, was 16-12 with 2.20 ERA for the ninth-place Mets of '68, while Koosman was an even more remarkable 19-12 with a 2.08 ERA. Supplementing the young pitching, was a greatly-improved defensive team keyed up the middle by shortstop Bud Harrelson, center fielder Tommie Agee and catcher Jerry Grote.

Rusty Staub, Mets favorite, holds his uniform aloft upon joining the club in 1972.

Offensively, the 1969 Mets did not scare anyone—at least on paper. And that's why perhaps no one took them too seriously as pennant contenders early on—even though their pitching was fast becoming one of the most formidable staffs in the league. The '68 Mets had hit .228 as a unit with

Jerry Koosman, Mets' all-time winning lefthander who played key role in '69 World Series.



Colorful Ron Swoboda who ranks 7th on Mets' all-time HR list and 8th in RBI.

only 81 homers and there were no significant additions to the offense over the winter. Nevertheless, in mid-July the Mets of '69 found themselves in second place and, upon taking two out of three from the league leading Chicago Cubs, they began to believe. They were to hang onto second place into September when, with a nine-game winning streak, they overhauled the Cubs and won the National League East division title.

Having accomplished the impossible, the '69 Mets stormed through post-season like a team of destiny. They swept the NL West champion Atlanta Braves in three games, then upset the heavily-favored Baltimore Orioles in five games in the World Series. As was the case during the season, the Mets' '69 World Series triumph was fashioned by strong pitching and a seemingly-endless parade of "heroes of the moment." Seaver, who would win '69 Cy Young Award honors for his 25-7 performance, won one Series game and Koosman won two. Then there was first baseman Donn Clendenon, the mid-season acquisition from Montreal, who slugged three Series homers off Oriole pitching. And little Al Weis, the light-hitting second baseman, who shocked The Birds with a game-tying homer in the fifth and final game. And Agee and Ron Swoboda, both of whom turned in spectacular catches in the outfield—Agee's in game three, Swoboda's in game four—to take so much of the heart out of the Orioles.

The '69 Miracle Mets would soon be touched by tragedy, though, with the sudden death of Hodges, from a heart attack, April 2, 1972. Yogi Berra, who had found refuge as a Mets coach after being fired as Yankee manager in 1964, was named to succeed Hodges. In 1973, Berra accomplished another near-miracle when his Mets overcame an incredible rash of season-long injuries to win the NL East with an 82-79 record, then shocking the Cincinnati Reds of Pete Rose and Johnny Bench in the playoffs. Again, it was pitching that carried the '73 Mets to New York's last National League pennant. Seaver was 19-8 with a league-leading 2.08 ERA (and another Cy Young), Koosman and Jon Matlack each won 14, unheralded George Stone was 12-3 with a 2.80 ERA and a cocky young lefthander named Tug McGraw held forth in the bullpen with 25 saves.

Winning pitcher Gary Gentry is mobbed by fans and teammates after Mets nail down '69 N.L. East Pennant with a 6-0 victory over St. Louis.

Cleon Jones (21) is congratulated by Mets' teammates Art Shamsky (24) and Bud Harrelson.

In defeating the heavily-favored Reds in the playoffs, the '73 Mets pitching staff surrendered only eight runs in the five games. The Mets' hitters, meanwhile, again found enough heroes to msuter 23 runs. Biggest hero of all was Rusty Staub, who assaulted the Reds for three playoff home runs.

Unfortunately, the Mets ran out of miracles against the Oakland A's in the '73 World Series, losing in seven games after winning three of the first five. In Game Six, Seaver was outdueled by Catfish Hunter of the A's, 3-1, and in the finale, Matlack was knocked out in the third inning as the A's went on to a 5-2 triumph. It was the end of another era of championship National League baseball in New York. The Mets hope another era is about to begin.

Donn Clendenon, hero of '69 World Series for Mets, with home runs in games 2, 4 and 5.

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Gil Hodges

National League Most Valuable Players

1912 Larry Doyle, NY Giants
1913 Jake Daubert, B'klyn Dodgers
1924 Dazzy Vance, B'klyn Dodgers
1933 Carl Hubbell, NY Giants
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1941 Dolph Camilli, B'klyn Dodgers
1951 Roy Campanella, B'klyn Dodgers
1953 Roy Campanella, B'klyn Dodgers
1954 Willie Mays, NY Giants
1955 Roy Campanella, B'klyn Dodgers
1956 Don Newcombe, B'klyn Dodgers

Carl Hubbell

Roy Campanella

National League Batting Champions

1885 Roger Connor, NY Giants (.371)
1890 Jack Glasscock, NY Giants (.336)
1892 Dan Brouthers, B'klyn Dodgers (.335)
1913 Jake Daubert, B'klyn Dodgers (.350)
1914 Jake Daubert, B'klyn Dodgers (.329)
1915 Larry Doyle, NY Giants (.320)
1918 Zack Wheat, B'klyn Dodgers (.335)
1930 Bill Terry, NY Giants (.401)
1932 Lefty O'Doul, B'klyn Dodgers (.368)
1941 Pete Reiser, B'klyn Dodgers (.343)
1944 Dixie Walker, B'klyn Dodgers (.357)
1949 Jackie Robinson, B'klyn Dodgers (.342)
1953 Carl Furillo, B'klyn Dodgers (.344)
1954 Willie Mays, NY Giants (.345)

Lefty O'Doul

Carl Furillo

National League Home Run Champions

1883 Buck Ewing, NY Giants (10)
1891 Mike Tiernan, NY Giants (17)
1903 Jimmy Sheckard, NY Giants (9)
1906 Tim Jordan, B'klyn Dodgers (12)
1908 Tim Jordan, B'klyn Dodgers (12)
1909 Red Murray, NY Giants (7)
1921 George Kelly, NY Giants (23)
1924 Jake Fournier, B'klyn Dodgers (27)
1934 Mel Ott, NY Giants (35)
1936 Mel Ott, NY Giants (33)
1937 Mel Ott, NY Giants (31)
1938 Mel Ott, NY Giants (36)
1942 Mel Ott, NY Giants (30)
1955 Willie Mays, NY Giants (51)
1956 Duke Snider, B'klyn Dodgers (43)

Jake Fournier

Mel Ott

National League Cy Young Award Winners

1956 Don Newcombe, B'klyn Dodgers
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1973 Tom Seaver, NY Mets
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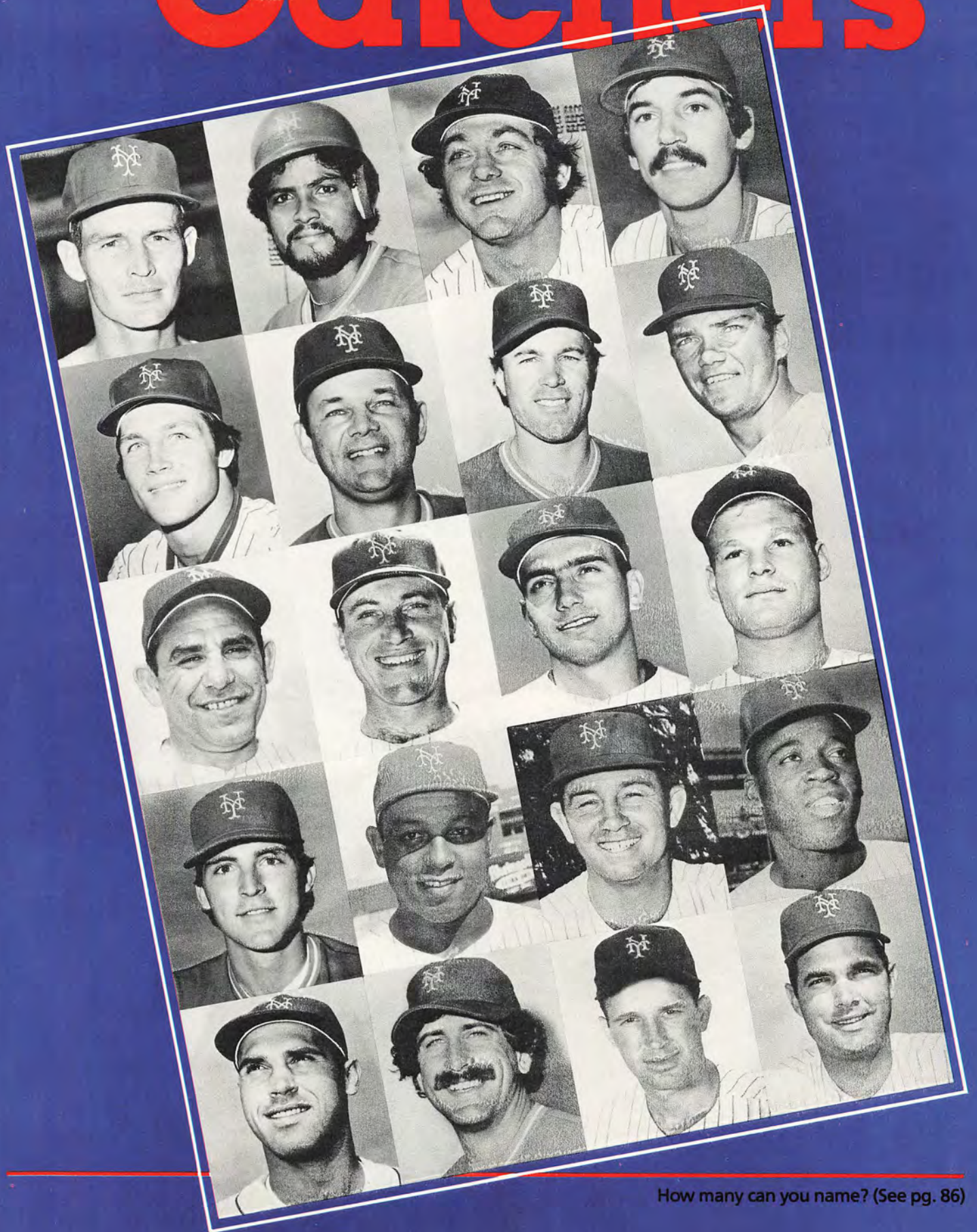

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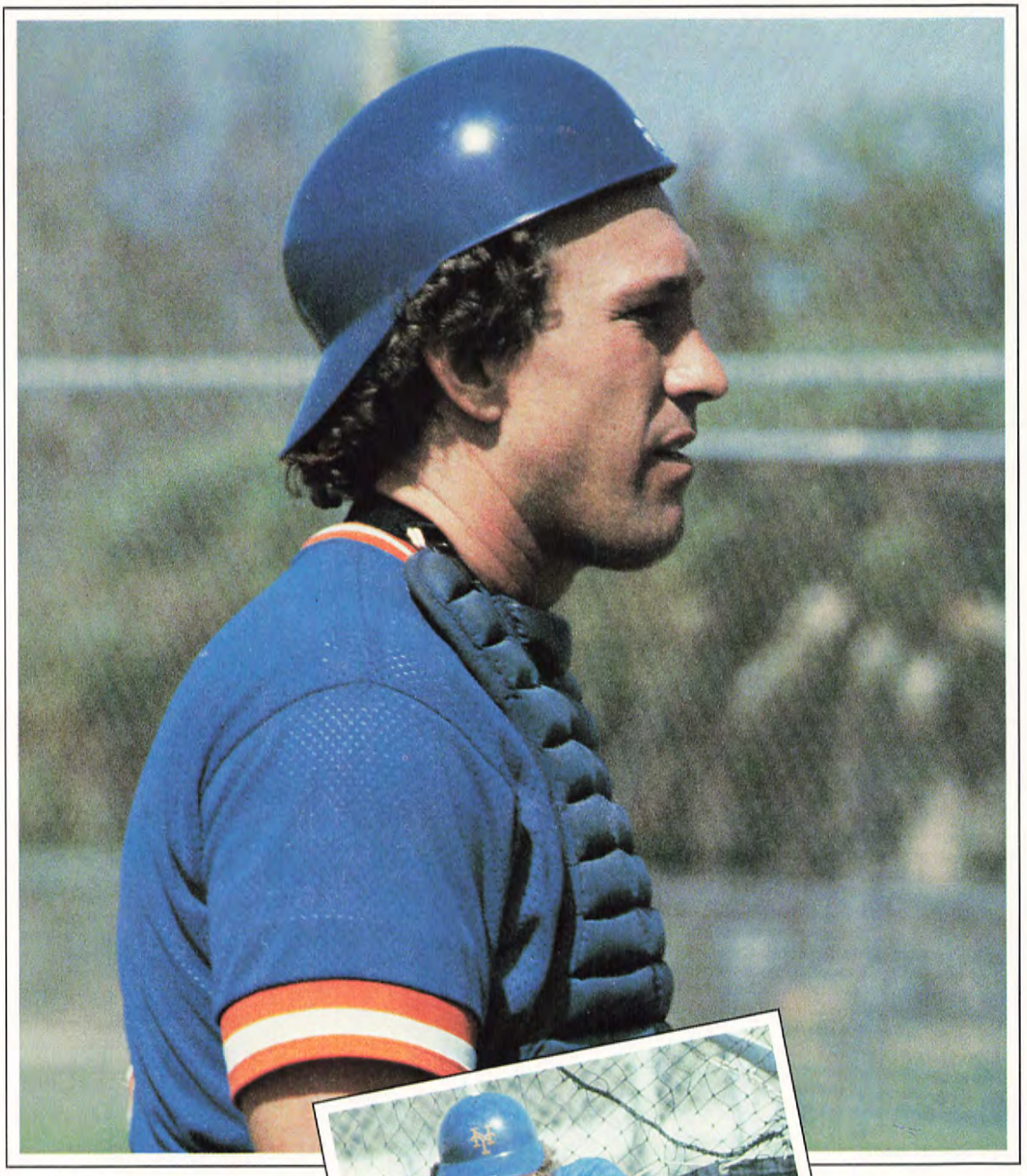
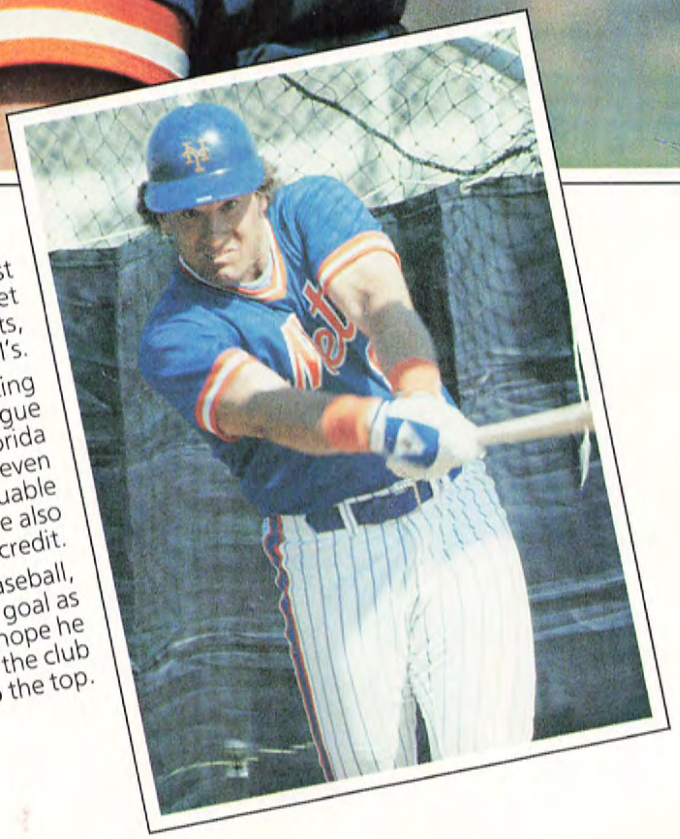


1984 STATS	
Expos	
AVG	.294
G	159
AB	596
R	75
H	175
HR	27
RBI	106
SB	2



Gary Carter joins the Mets following the most productive season in his ten-year career. He set personal highs in five categories—games, at bats, average, hits, and his league leading 106 RBI's. Gary, the Expos' all-time leader in virtually all hitting categories, has been the premier catcher in the league for the past eight seasons. The 31-year-old Florida native has been named to the All-Star squad seven times, and walked away as the game's Most Valuable Player in 1981 and last year at San Francisco. He also has three Gold Gloves to his credit.

Gary has done almost all there is to do in baseball, except play in a World Series. That's his major goal as he comes to New York, and Mets' fans hope he provides the extra ingredient it takes to push the club to the top.

Carter
Gary Carter
Mets
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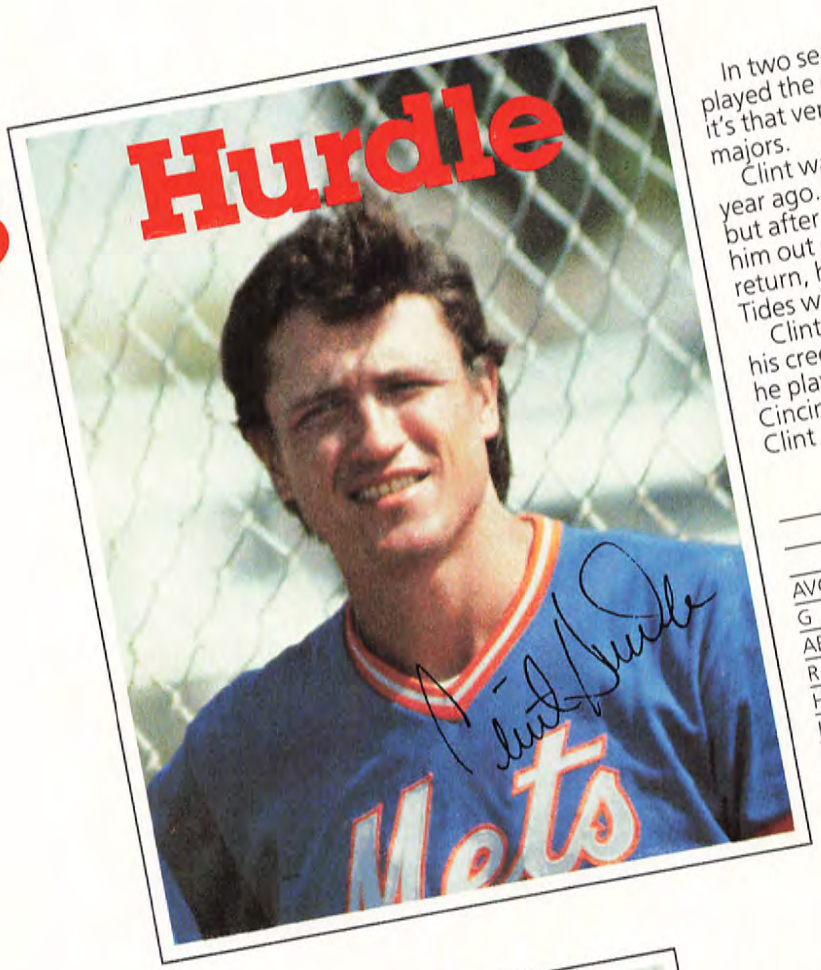
13 Hurdle



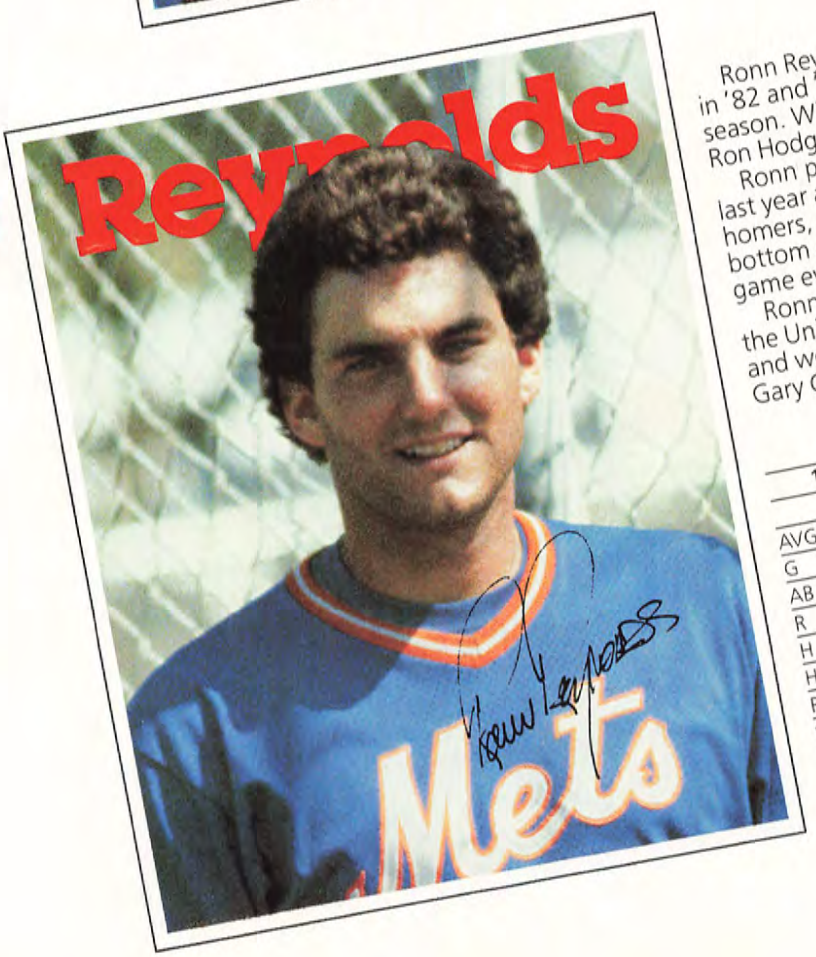
In two seasons at Tidewater, Clint Hurdle has played the outfield, catcher, first and third base, and it's that versatility that just may get him back to the majors.

Clint was introduced to catching in spring training a year ago. He began the season catching at Tidewater, but after 21 games behind the plate, an injury forced him out of the lineup for three weeks. Upon his return, he played first the rest of the year, and led the Tides with 21 homers at season's end.

Clint, 27, has four years major league experience to his credit. A much heralded prospect with Kansas City, he played for the Royals '78-'81, then was traded to Cincinnati where he spent 1982. The Mets signed Clint as a free agent in April 1983.

1984 STATS	
TIDEWATER	
AVG	.243
G	128
AB	412
R	60
H	100
HR	21
RBI	64
SB	0

9 Reynolds



Ronn Reynolds got a glimpse of the major leagues in '82 and '83, and hopes to be with the big club this season. With the release of veterans John Stearns and Ron Hodges, it's up to Ronn to earn a job.

Ronn put together his finest minor league season last year at Tidewater with career bests in average, homers, and RBI's. One of his home runs came in the bottom of the 16th inning and ended the longest game ever at the Tides' Met Park.

Ronn, the Mets' fifth pick in the 1980 draft out of the University of Arkansas, is very strong defensively, and would provide a more than adequate backup to Gary Carter.

1984 STATS	
TIDEWATER	
AVG	.261
G	90
AB	280
R	35
H	73
HR	11
RBI	46
SB	0

7 Gibbons

John Gibbons learned a lot about the "ups and downs" of baseball in 1984.

The 22-year-old Texan won a job with the Mets last spring, only to have his cheekbone fractured in a home plate collision on March 25. After a quick recovery, he started seven games in April before going back on the D.L with a strained right elbow. When activated, John went to Tidewater for the remainder of the year and hit .256 in 65 games.

The off-season acquisition of Gary Carter doesn't bother John. He knows his day will come, and for the time being, he will work at improving his game so he can take full advantage when opportunity knocks.

1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
AVG	.256	.065
G	65	10
AB	211	31
R	31	1
H	54	2
HR	6	0
RBI	27	1
SB	1	0

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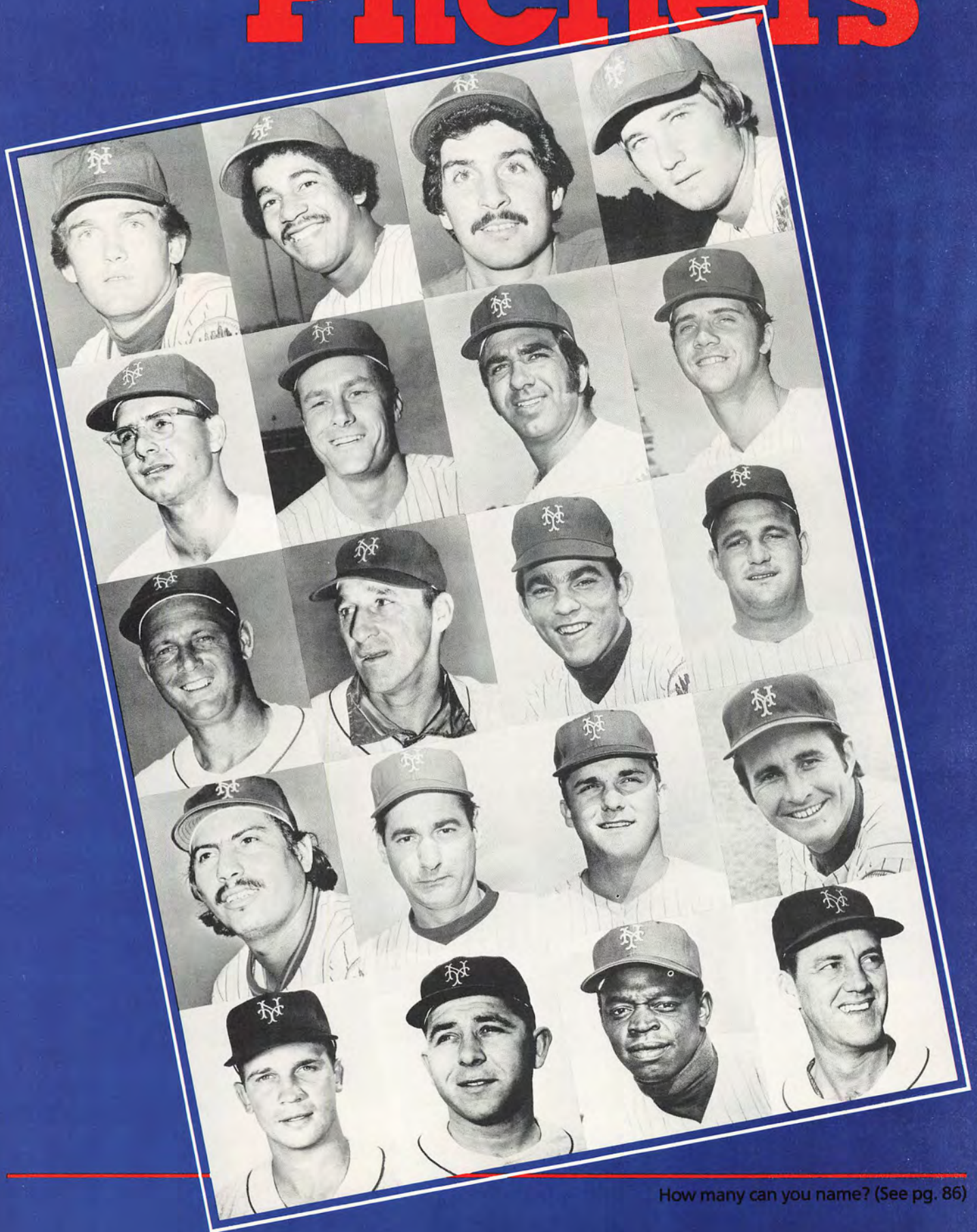

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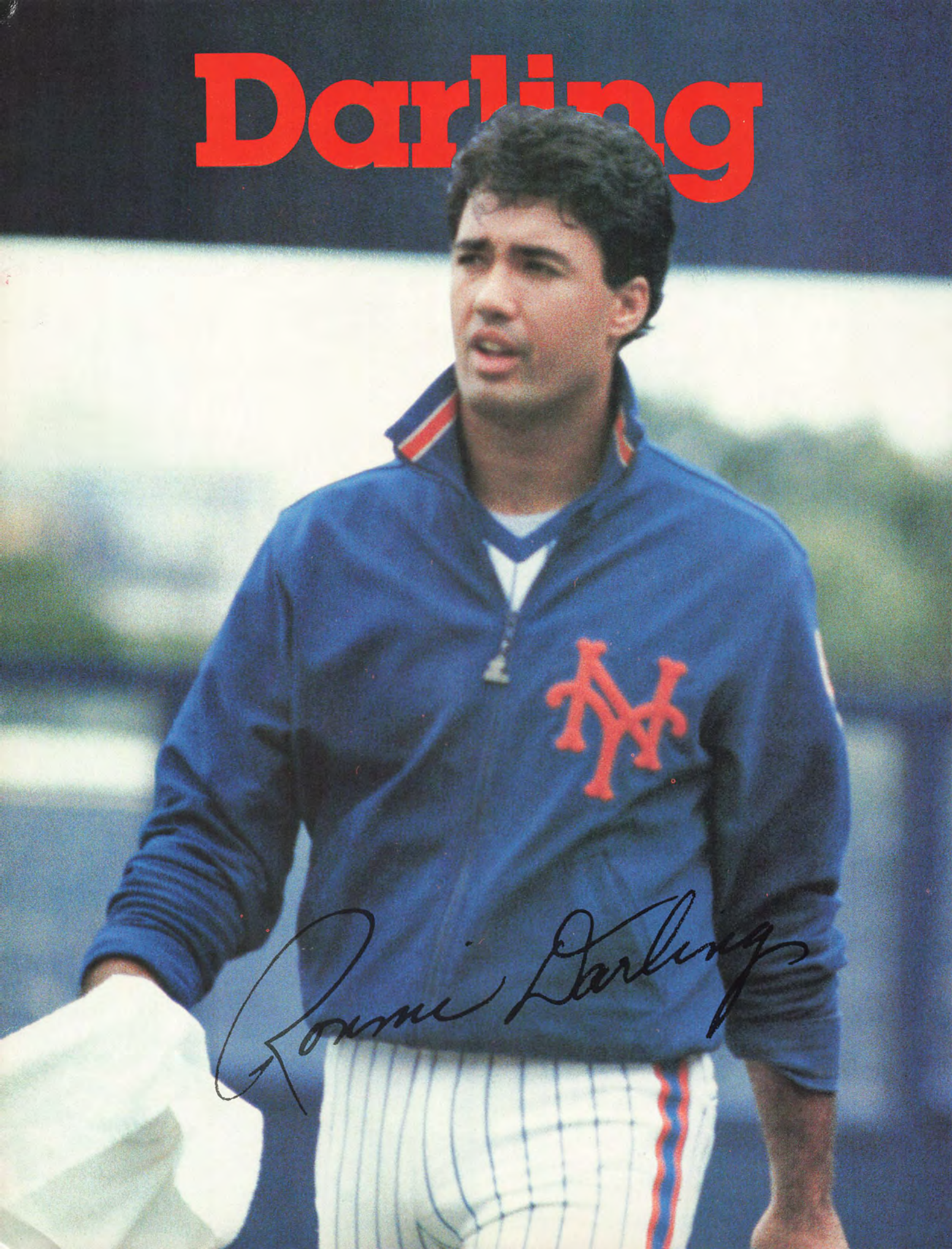

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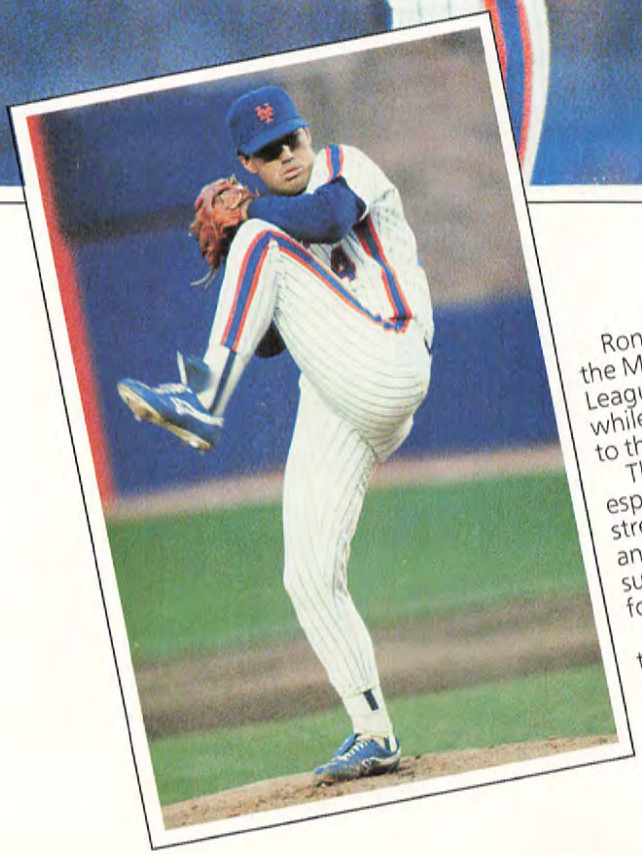

1984 STATS	
W-L	12-9
ERA	3.81
G	33
GS	33
CG	2
IP	206
H	179
BB	104
SO	136

Ron Darling teamed with Dwight Gooden to give the Mets the top two rookie pitchers in the National League last year. Ronnie posted a fine 12-9 record while leading the staff with 33 starts, and was named to the Baseball Digest All-Rookie squad.

The 24-year-old Hawaiian-born righthander was especially effective the first half of the season. In one stretch in June and July, he won seven straight games and his record stood at 10-3 at the All-Star break. Not surprisingly, Ron was named Pitcher-of-the-Month for June.

Ronnie, who also played football at Yale, is possibly the most versatile athlete on the Mets. Besides his prowess on the mound, he had ten hits in '84, he picked off seven runners during the year, and he was used as a pinch-runner on six occasions.

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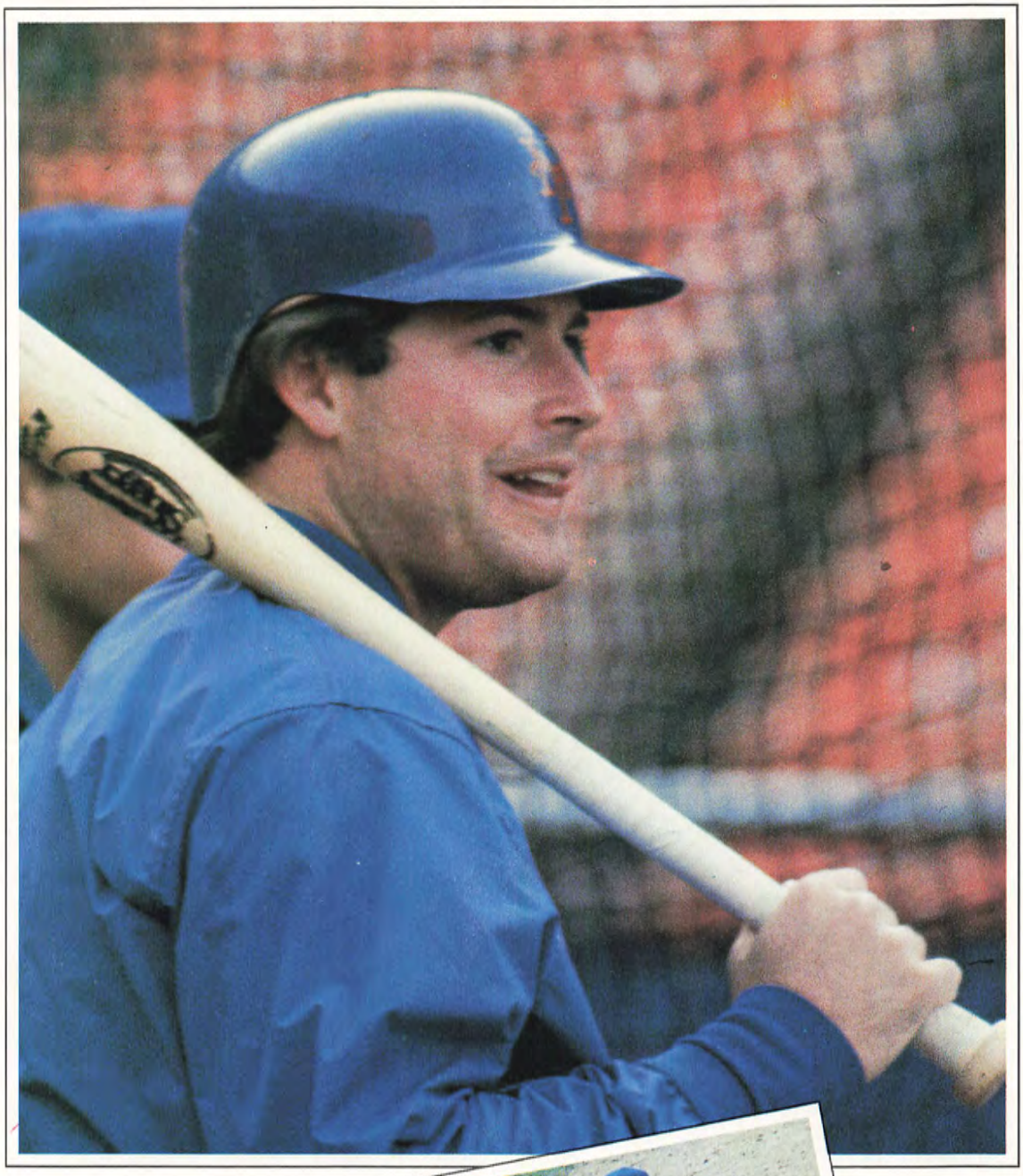


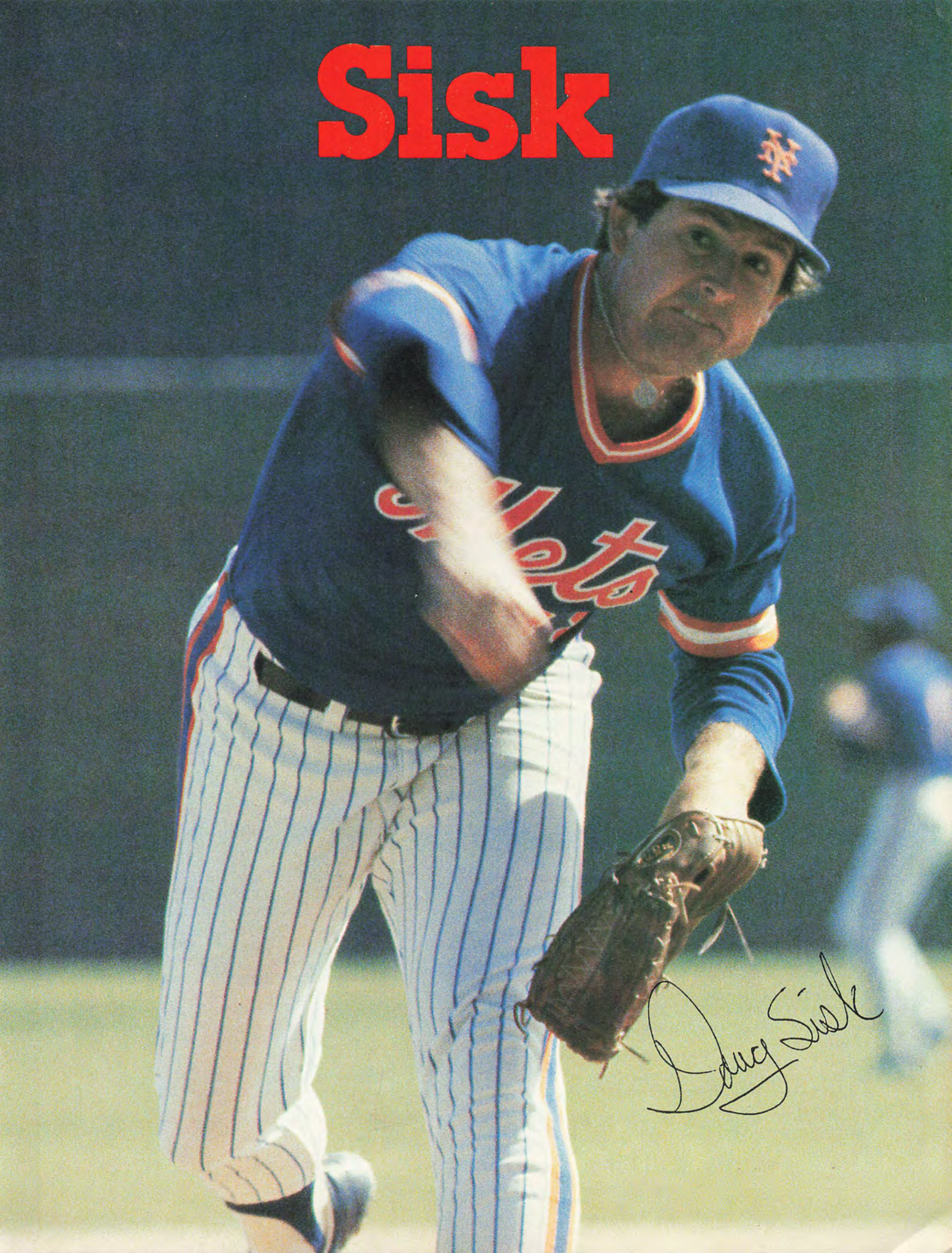
1984 STATS	
W-L	1-3
ERA	2.09
G	50
SV	15
IP	78
H	57
BB	54
SO	32

In 125 major league appearances, righthander Doug Sisk boasts an exceptional 2.12 career ERA to go along with 27 saves. In 190 innings pitched, he has allowed just three home runs—one per year in the big leagues. You can't do much better than that.

Doug is the perfect partner for lefthander Jesse Orosco. The bullpen pair, who are best friends off the field, were the only duo last year to each record 15 or more saves. Their 46 combined saves were the most in Mets' history by two relievers breaking the old mark of 36 set by Tug McGraw and Danny Frisella in 1972.

Doug's outstanding season would have been even better if he had not spent time on the D.L. in August nursing a sore shoulder. The bachelor from Tacoma, Washington, has completely recovered from the nagging problem and figures to be a quite important figure in the Mets' pennant hopes this season.

Sisk



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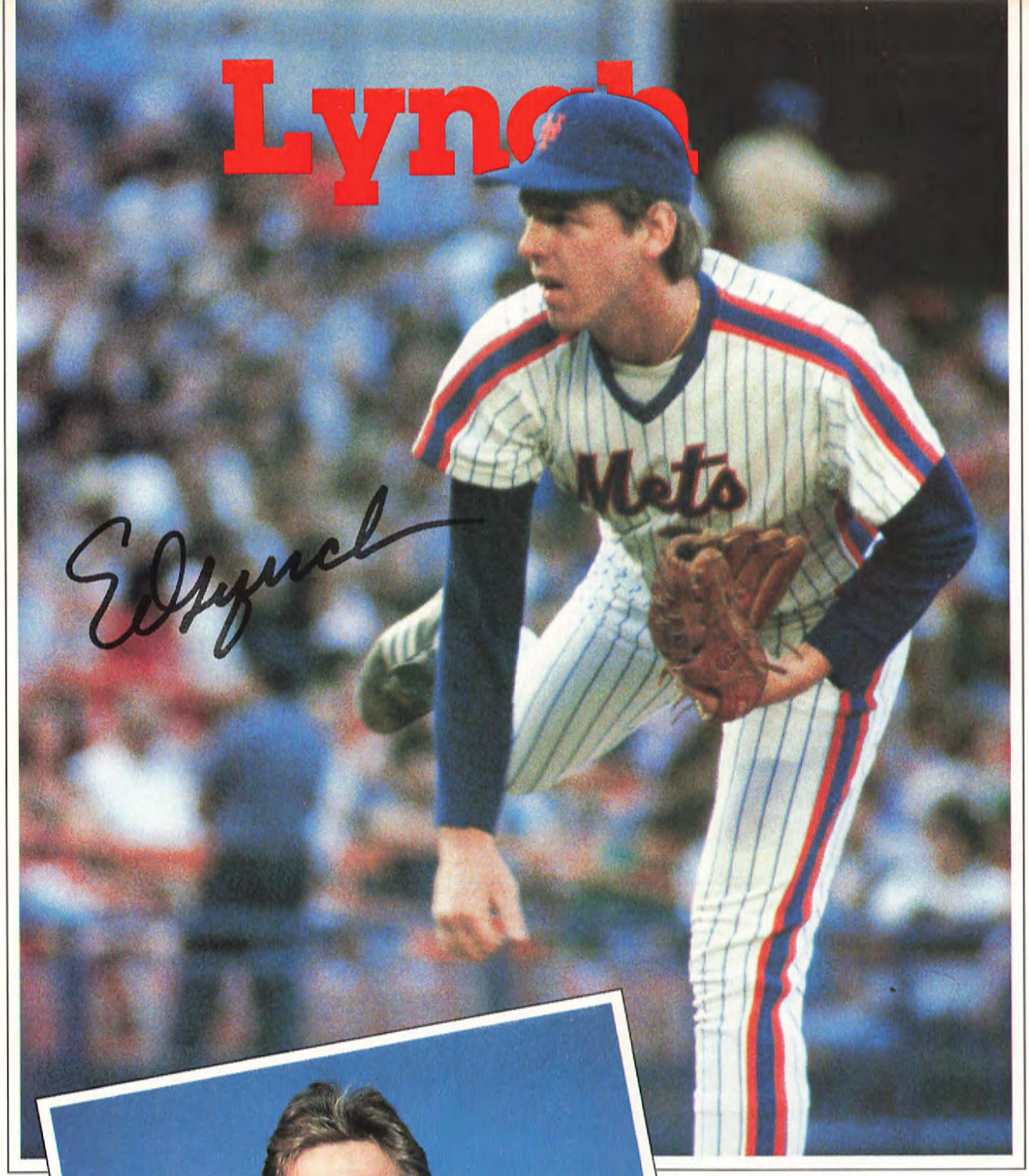

1984 STATS	
W-L	9-8
ERA	4.50
G	40
GS	13
CG	0
SV	2
IP	124
H	169
BB	24
SO	62

Ed Lynch is easily the most versatile pitcher on the Mets' staff. In 1984, he appeared in 40 games—13 starts and 27 relief appearances.

In relief, the 6-5 righthander posted a perfect 5-0 record with three saves. Ed was 4-8 as a starter with three of the wins coming in a two-week span in early June. He pitched most effectively during the first half of '84, as illustrated by his 7-1 record and 2.64 ERA through June 12.

Ed, who was born in Brooklyn and now lives in Miami, has spent four years in the majors since coming to the Mets in 1979 from the Texas Rangers. He has won 19 games over the past two seasons, and once again was one of the league's top control artists allowing just 1.74 walks per nine innings pitched.

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1980	Neil Allen	(7-10, 22 saves)
1981	Neil Allen	(7-6, 18 saves)
1982	Neil Allen	(3-7, 19 saves)
1983	Jesse Orosco	(13-7, 17 saves)
1984	Jesse Orosco	(10-6, 31 saves)

Gaff

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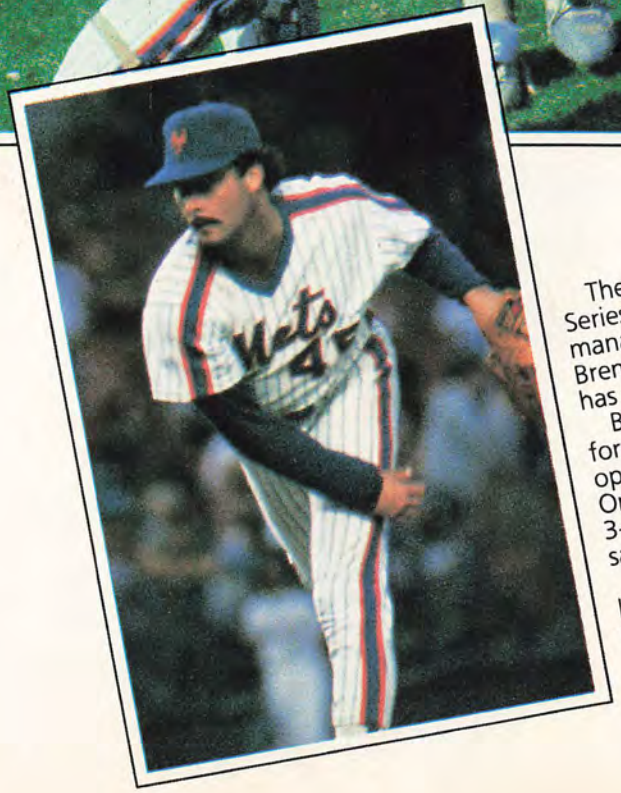
1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
W-L	3-1	3-2
ERA	4.26	3.63
G	4	47
GS	4	0
SV	0	1
IP	25	84
H	28	77
BB	5	36
SO	13	42

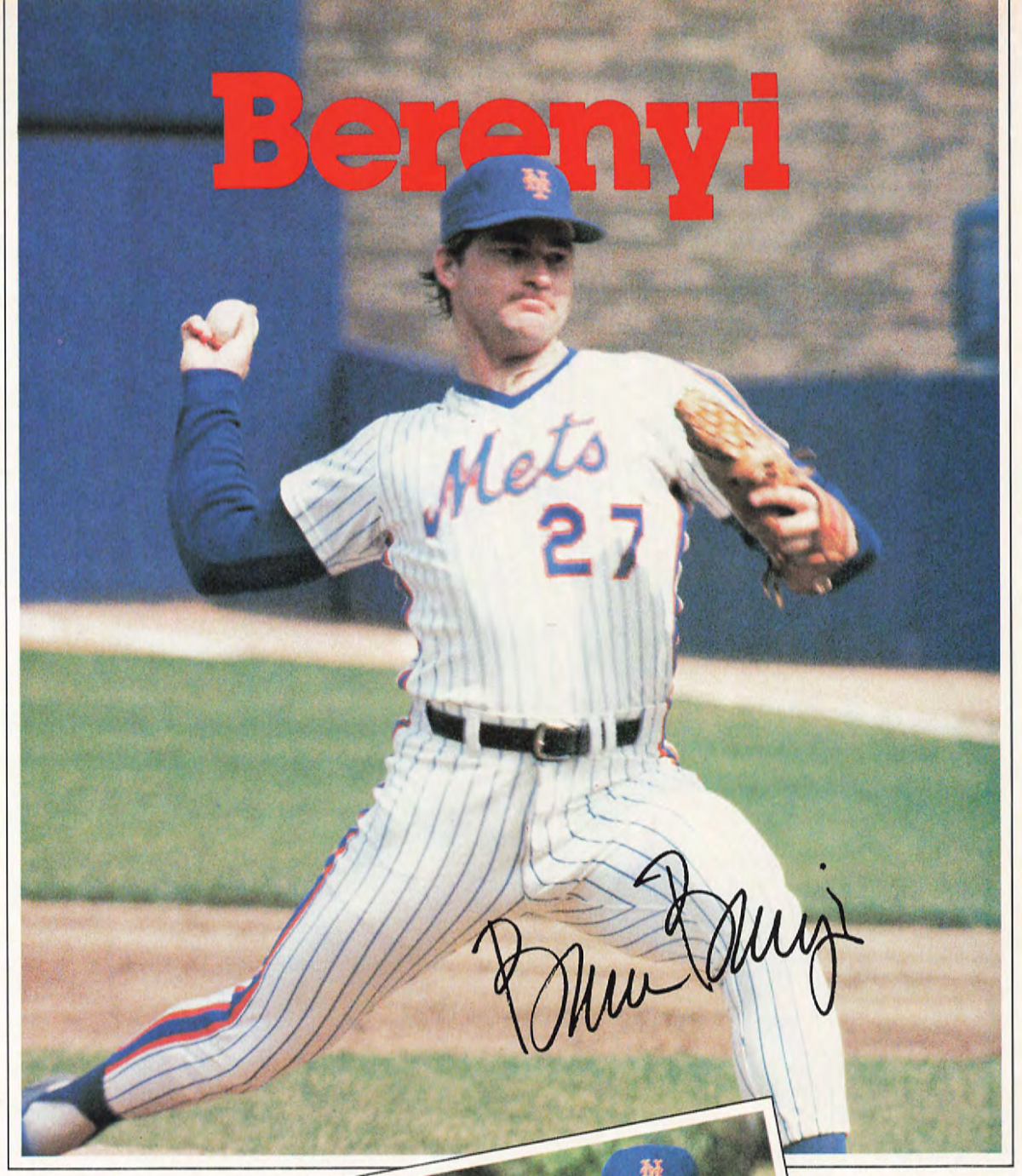


The Tidewater Tides won the 1983 Triple-A World Series, and a key to their success that season was then manager Dave Johnson's decision to convert starter Brent Gaff to bullpen duty. Subsequently, that move has now paid off handsomely for the Mets.

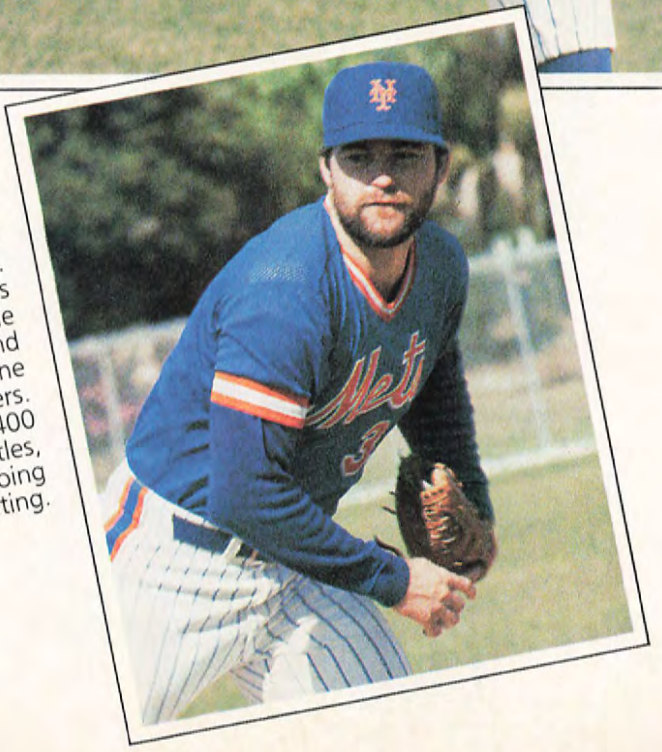
Brent worked 47 games in long-relief last season for the Mets, and more often than not, kept the opposition in check before handing the ball to Jesse Orosco or Doug Sisk. The 26-year-old righthander was 3-2 on the year, and registered his first major league save in a win over the Phillies in September.

The Indiana native pitched his best in front of the home fans, winning all three games at Shea and posting an excellent 1.99 ERA in 23 outings.

31 Berenyi

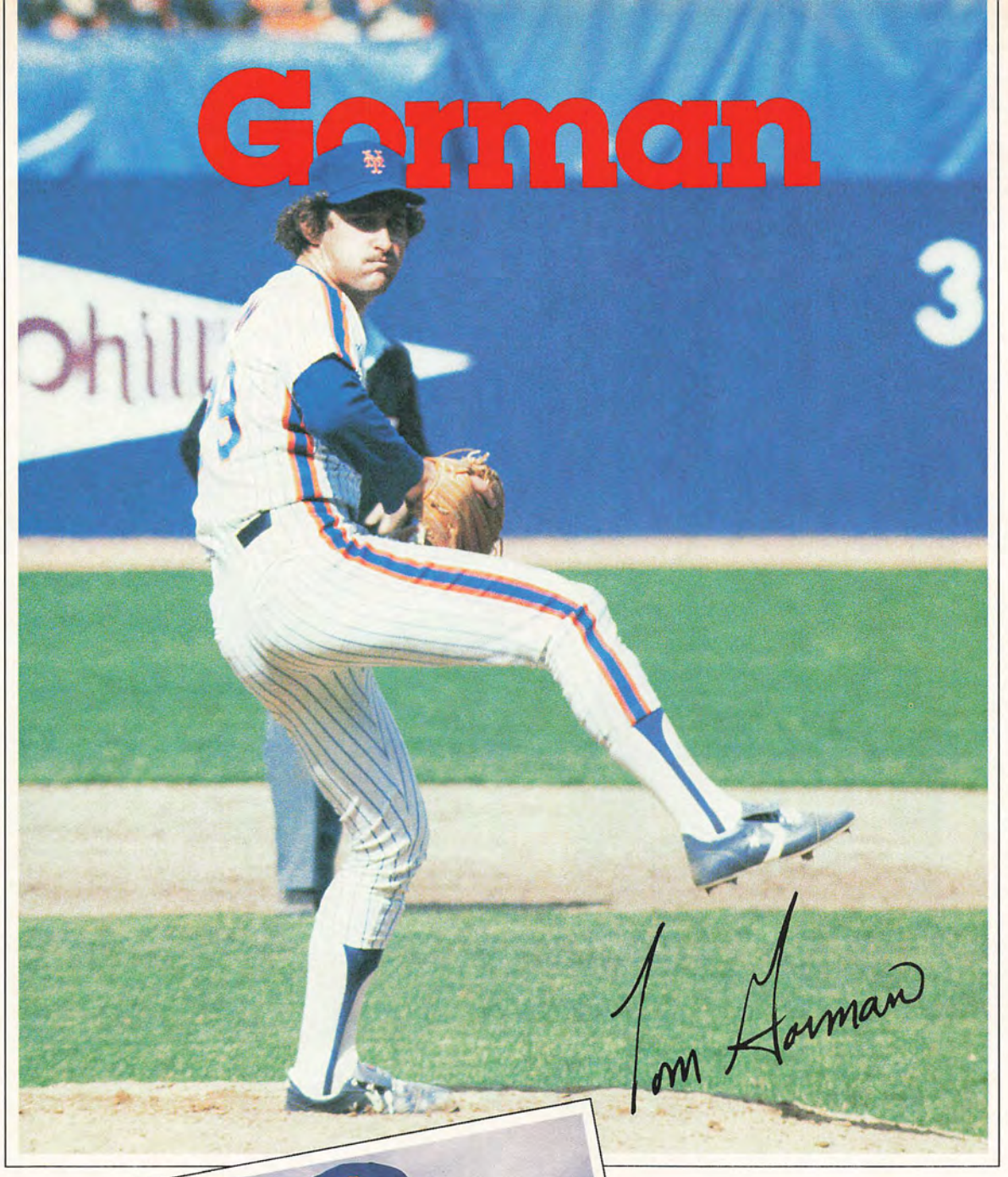


1984 STATS	
W-L	12-13
ERA	4.45
G	32
GS	30
CG	0
IP	166
H	163
BB	95
SO	134

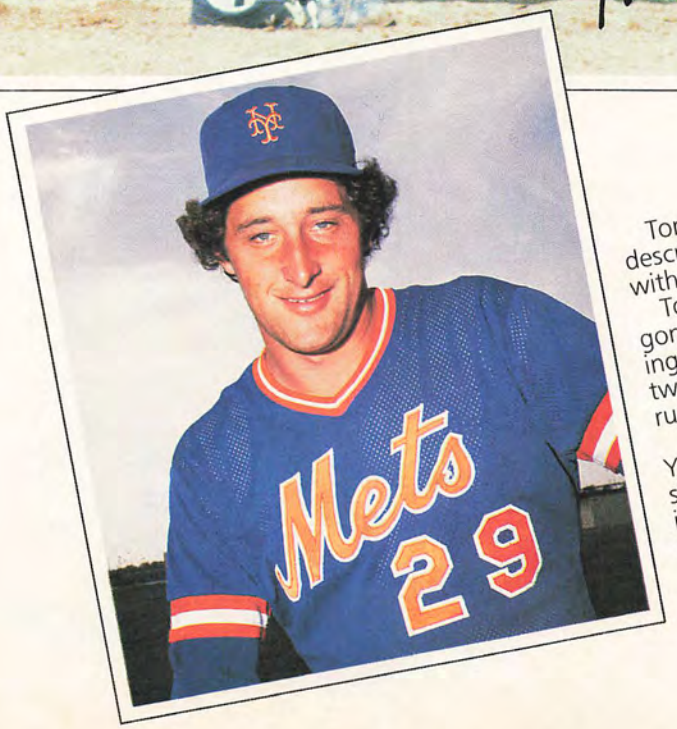


Very quietly Bruce Berenyi won nine games for the Mets following his arrival from Cincinnati in mid-season. He was 9-6 in a New York uniform, and the Mets were 12-7 in the 19 games he started. Bruce won 32 games in three and a half seasons with the Reds before the trade. He had won nine games each year for three straight years 1981-83, and was named to the All-Rookie squad in '81 on the strength of a one-hitter and a pair of two-hitters. Bruce, who boasts a record collection of over 400 albums and specializes in the history of the Beatles, combined on four shutouts for the Mets going seven innings each outing.

Gorman 29



1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
W-L	1-2	6-0
ERA	3.00	2.97
G	3	36
GS	3	0
SV	0	0
IP	18	58
H	17	51
BB	4	13
SO	13	40



Tom Gorman's 1984 statistics are the easiest way to describe his value to the Mets—a perfect 6-0 record with a 2.97 earned run average.

Tom, 27-years-old and a native of Woodburn, Oregon, appeared in 36 games out of the bullpen following his recall from Tidewater in early May. In the final two months of the season, he allowed just one earned run in 11 outings and recorded four of his six wins.

Obtained from the Expos in 1982 for Joel Youngblood, Tom relies on excellent control to shut down opponents. He walked only 13 batters in 58 innings last year, or a mere two walks per nine innings pitched.

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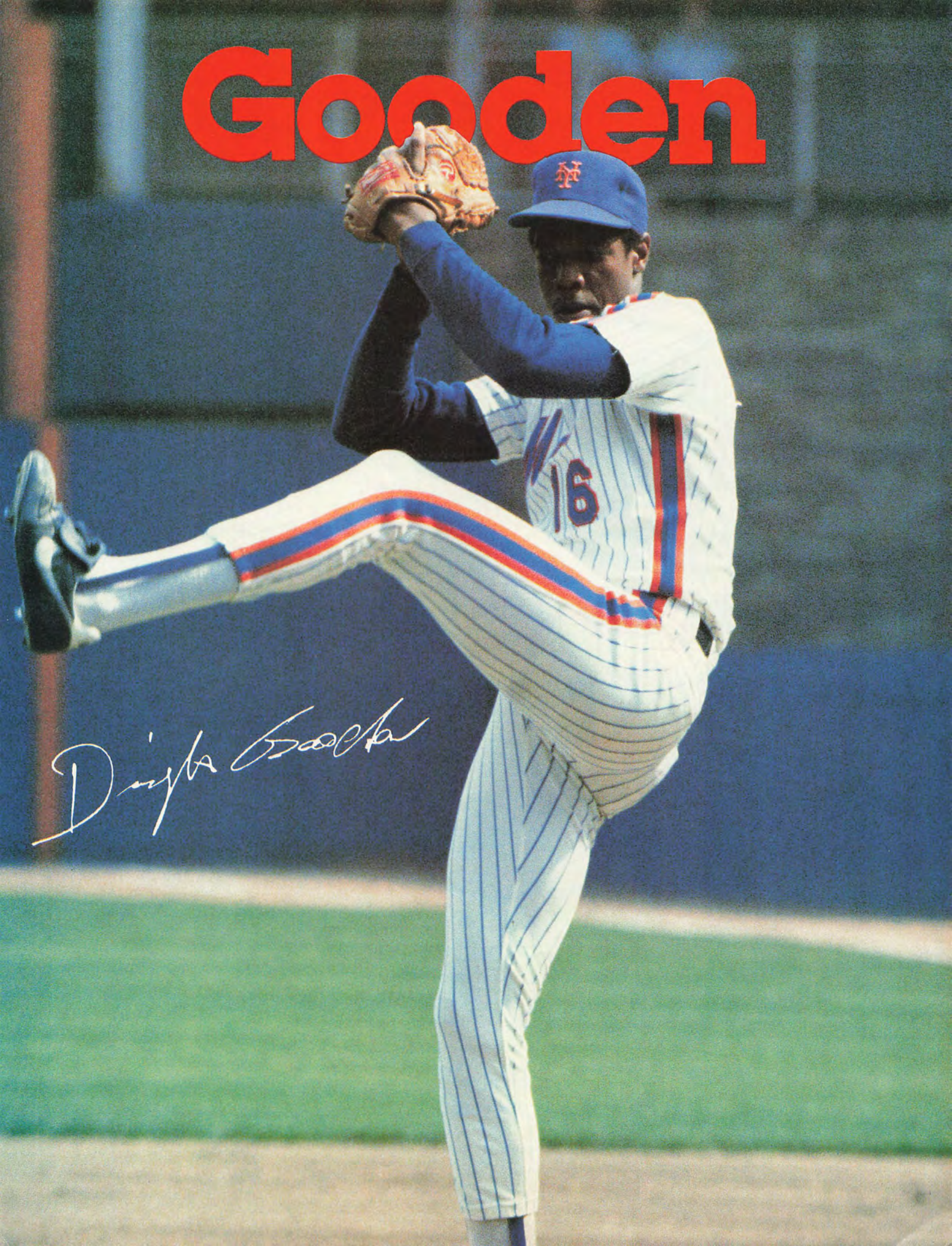
1984 STATS	
W-L	17-9
ERA	2.60
G	31
GS	31
CG	7
IP	218
H	161
BB	73
SO	276

Dwight Gooden's sensational season will be remembered as one of the finest ever by a rookie pitcher, if not the finest by a teenager.

Tom Seaver recognizes the cliché—"records are made to be broken"—but never could he imagine four of his club records would be shattered by a 19-year-old. Dwight's strikeout total and 17 wins broke his rookie records, and his five consecutive games with 10 or more K's, and 15 total on the year, both knocked Tom from the top of the list.

Now a "veteran" at 20-years-old, Dwight is the number one man on the Mets staff. He's called "Doc" by his teammates, "Dr. K" by the fans, but whatever the nickname, he is sure to provide excitement at Shea, and trouble for the opposition.

Gooden



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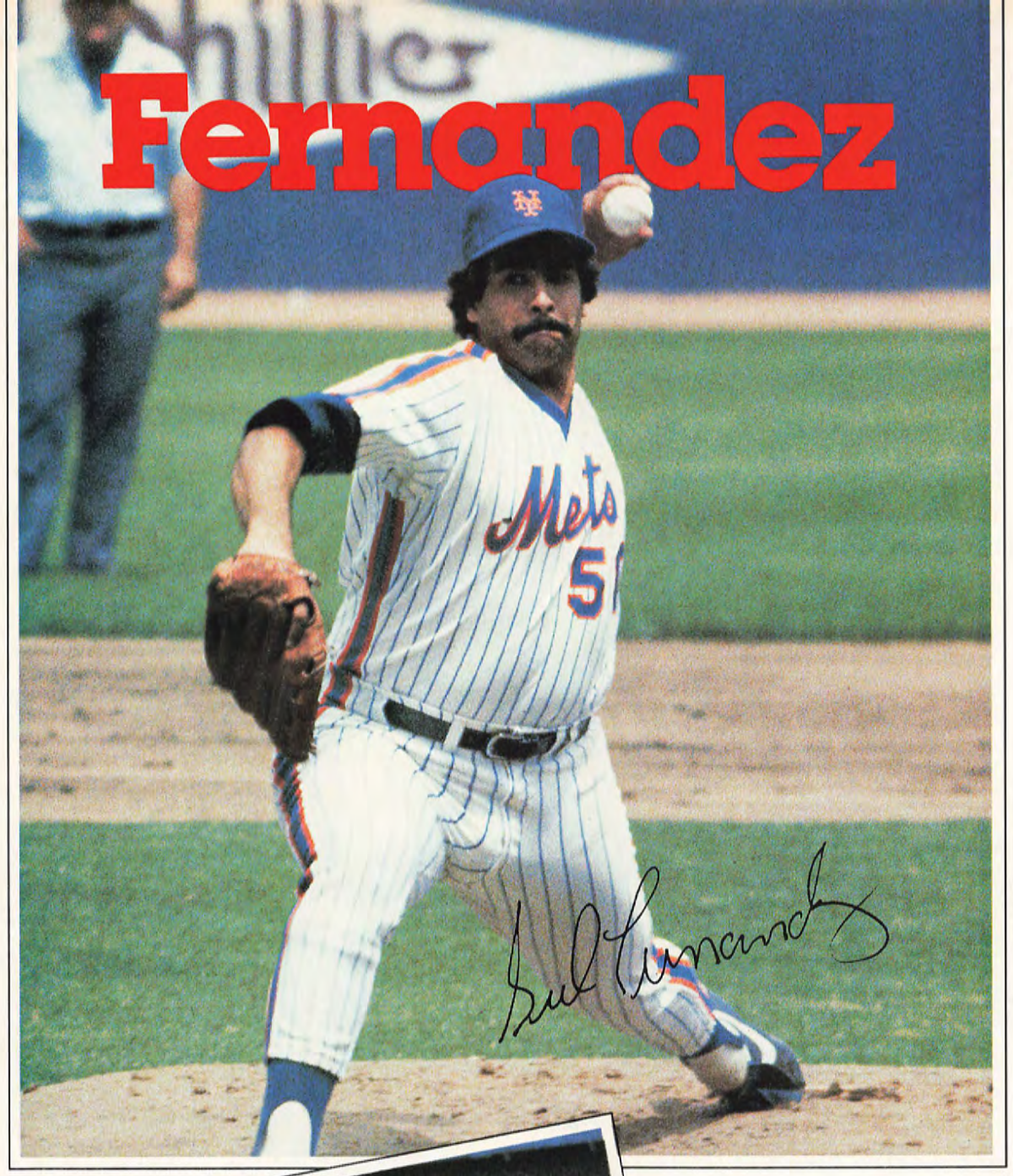
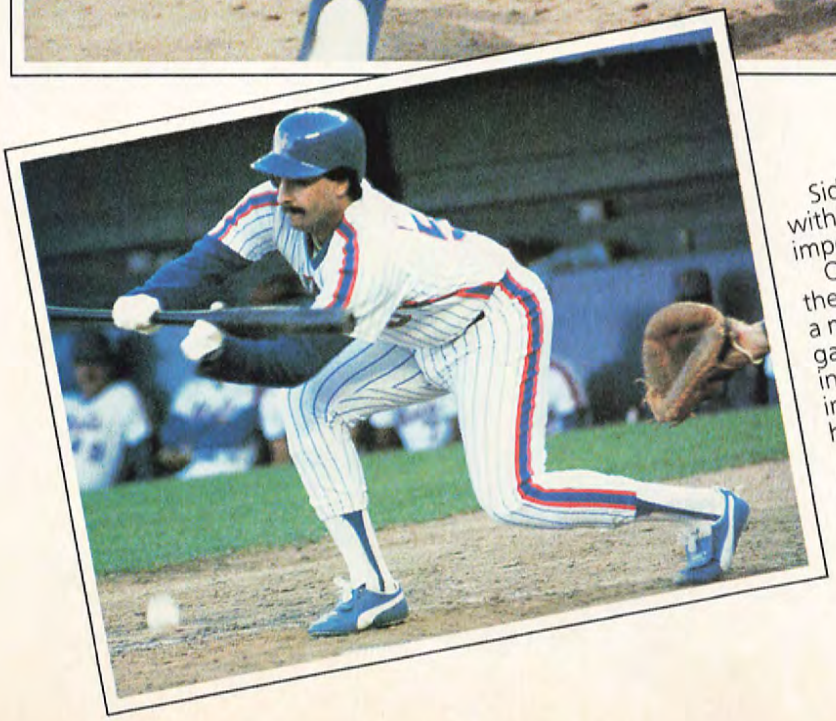


1984 STATS		
	TIDEWATER	METS
W-L	6-5	6-6
ERA	2.56	3.50
G	17	15
GS	17	15
CG	3	0
SV	0	0
IP	106	90
H	69	74
BB	63	34
SO	123	62



Sid Fernandez, the club's only lefthanded starter with major league experience, figures to play a very important role in the Mets' fortunes this season.

One thing for sure, "El Sid" has nothing to prove in the minors. The 22-year-old Hawaiian has compiled a most impressive minor league record winning 38 games in three years with 683 strikeouts in 508 innings. He was 6-5 with Tidewater in '84 before joining the Mets in early July, and set a Tides' record when he struck out 17 Maine batters on May 7.

Sid, 6-5 with the Mets after his recall, should move into the starting rotation now that Walt Terrell has departed to Detroit.

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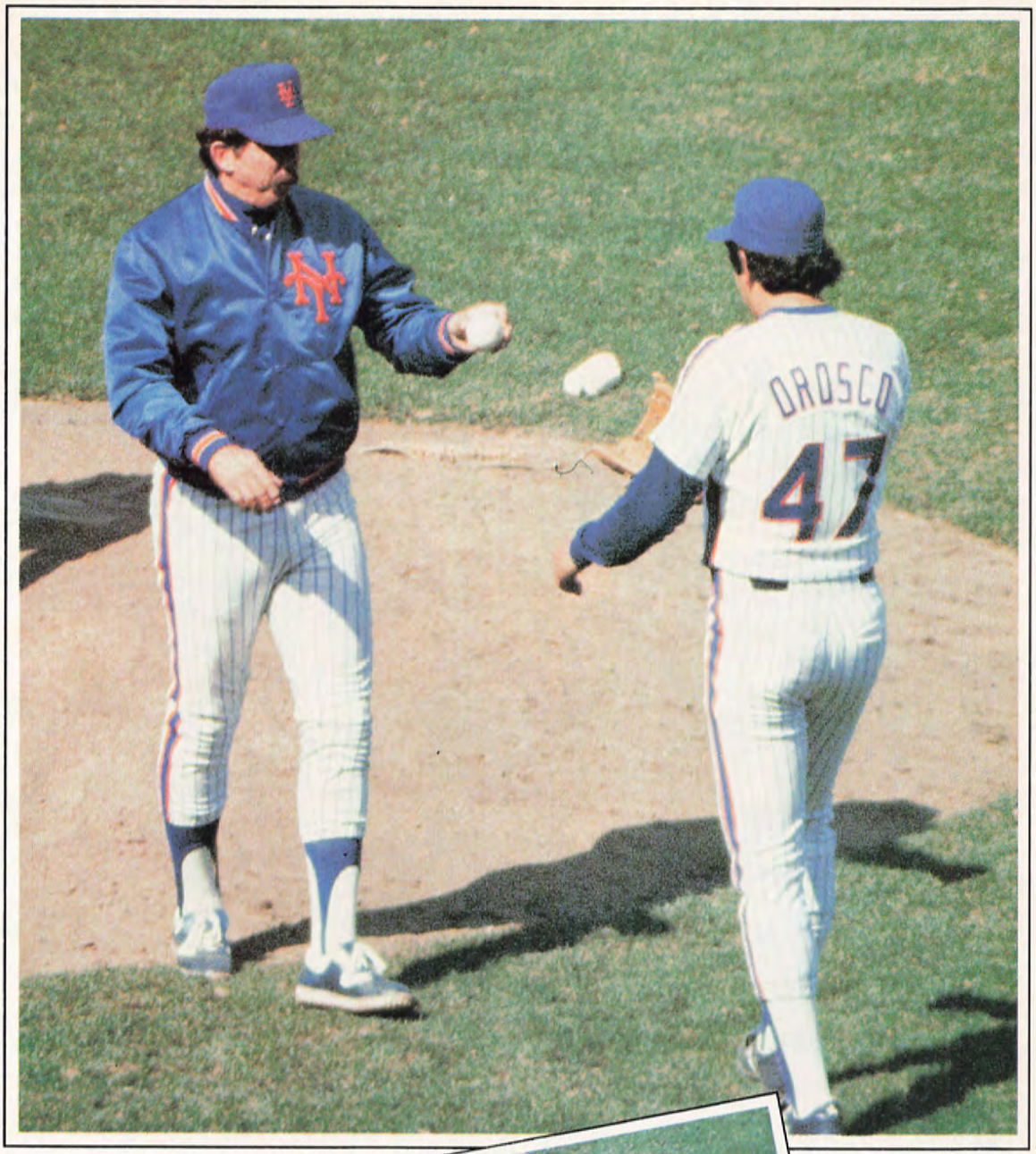


1984 STATS	
W-L	10-6
ERA	2.59
G	60
GS	0
SV	31
IP	87
H	58
BB	34
SO	85

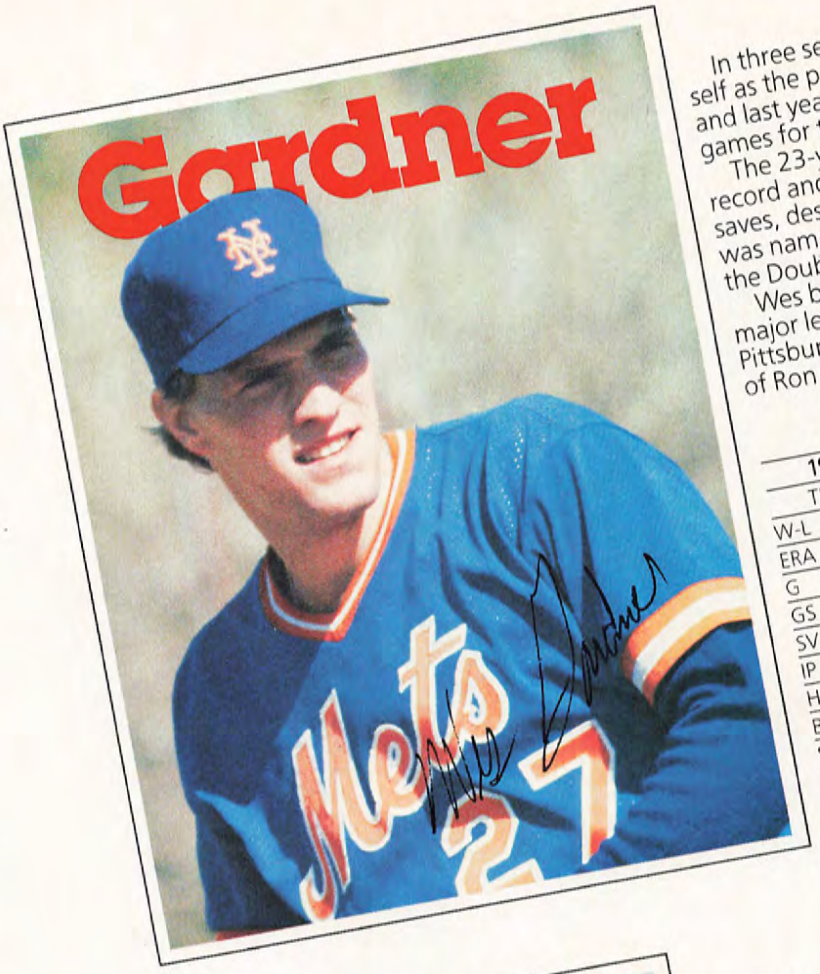
Over the past two seasons, Jesse Orosco has won 23 games and recorded 48 saves. Considering those numbers, it's not hard to understand why many feel he is the key man if the Mets are to be a big winner in 1985.

Jesse, whose 31 saves last year broke Tug McGraw's 11-year-old club mark of 27, finished third in the league in that department, and was named to the All-Star team for the second straight year. He now has 53 career saves, fourth on the Mets' all-time list.

Sometimes when a trade is made, you often hear the line—"We'll have to wait and see what happens." The Mets traded popular Jerry Koosman after the '77 season for a pair of minor league pitchers from the Twins. One was Greg Field, the other—Jesse Orosco.

Orosco

27 Gardner



In three seasons, Wes Gardner has established himself as the premier reliever in the minor league system, and last year got a taste of the majors appearing in 21 games for the Mets.

The 23-year-old righthander set a Tidewater club record and led the International League with his 20 saves, despite missing two months of the season. He was named to the post-season All-Star team and won the Doubleday Award as the MVP at Tidewater.

Wes beat the Pirates on August 5th for his first major league win, and seven days later also against Pittsburgh, he pitched 2 1/3 shutout innings in relief of Ron Darling for his initial big league save.

1984 STATS	TIDEWATER	METS
W-L	1-2	1-1
ERA	1.61	6.39
G	40	21
GS	0	0
SV	20	1
IP	56	25
H	40	34
BB	19	8
SO	36	19

40 Schiraldi

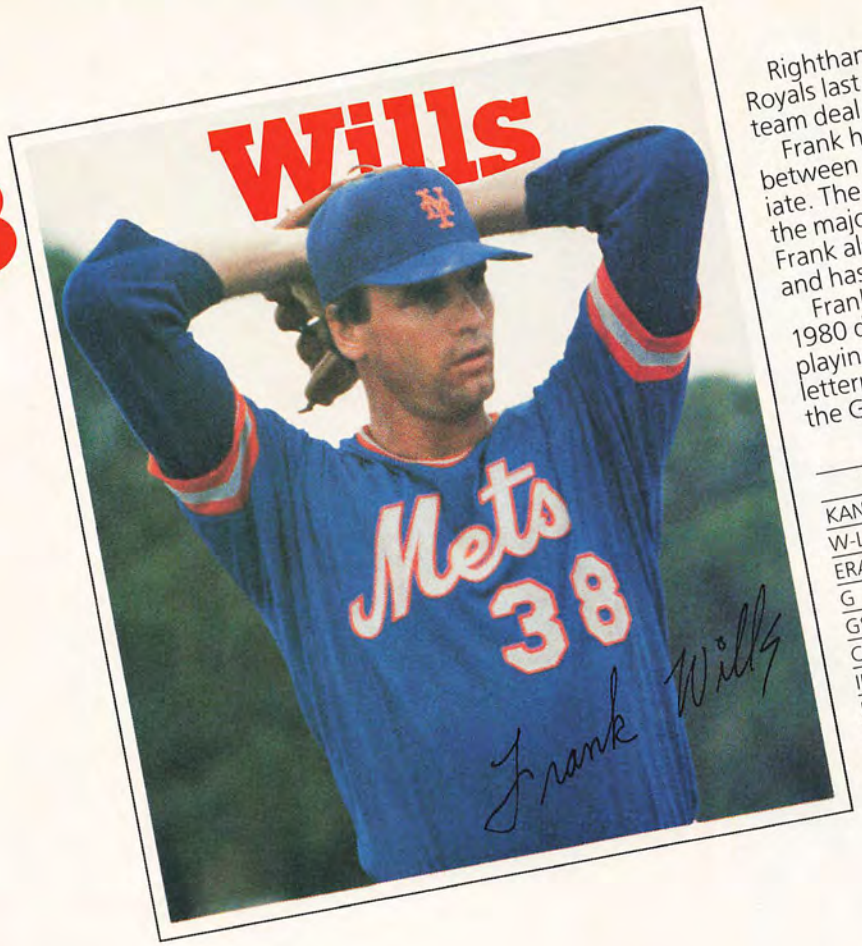
Mets' fans caught a glimpse of 6-4 righthander Calvin Schiraldi last September following his outstanding year with Jackson and Tidewater.

Calvin, who was named College Pitcher of the Year in 1983 after leading the Texas Longhorns to the NCAA Championship, was the Texas League's Most Valuable Pitcher last season. He was 14-3 at Jackson before moving on to Tidewater in August where he won three of four starts.

Born and bred in Texas, it's a good bet that Calvin Schiraldi's name will soon be added to the list of successful big league pitchers developed by the Mets.

1984 STATS	JACKSON	TIDEWATER	METS
W-L	14-3	3-1	0-2
ERA	2.88	1.15	5.71
G	23	4	5
GS	22	4	3
CG	5	3	0
IP	156	31	17
H	118	18	20
BB	69	10	10
SO	131	24	16

38 Wills



Righthander Frank Wills joined the Mets from the Royals last winter as a result of a complicated four-team deal which saw Tim Leary end up in Milwaukee.

Frank has spent the last couple years traveling between Kansas and Omaha, the Royals' triple-A affiliate. The 26-year-old New Orleans native was 2-3 in the majors in '84, and 7-4 at Omaha in 15 starts. Frank also spent time with the Royals in '81 and '83, and has a 4-4 career mark in the bigs.

Frank was Kansas City's first round selection in the 1980 draft out of Tulane University. In addition to playing baseball at Tulane, he also was a three-year letterman in football, handling the punting chores for the Green Wave.

1984 STATS		
	KANSAS CITY	OMAHA
W-L	2-3	7-4
ERA	5.11	2.81
G	10	15
GS	5	15
CG	0	2
IP	37	90
H	39	75
BB	13	49
SO	21	69

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PLAYER STATS

Wally Backman 6

INF, 5-9, 160 lbs., SW-R
Born: 9-22-59, Hillsboro, OR: Resides: Beaverton, OR

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977	Little Falls (Rookie)	.325	69	255	44	83	10	2	6	30	28	53	20
1978	Lynchburg (A)	.302	132	494	86	149	19	9	3	38	74	99	42
1979	Jackson (AA)	.282	110	404	63	114	11	5	2	19	35	50	23
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	.293	125	400	53	117	15	5	1	51	87	67	11
1980	Mets (NL)	.323	27	93	12	30	1	1	0	9	11	14	2
1981	Mets (NL)	.278	26	36	5	10	2	0	0	0	4	7	1
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	.153	21	59	6	9	3	1	0	6	10	8	2
1982	Mets (NL)	.272	96	261	37	71	13	2	3	22	49	47	8
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.316	101	361	69	114	11	3	1	28	68	46	36
1983	Mets (NL)	.167	26	42	6	7	0	1	0	3	2	8	0
1984	Mets (NL)	.280	128	436	68	122	19	2	1	26	56	63	32
Major League Totals		.276	303	868	128	240	35	6	4	60	122	139	43

GWRBI: 1980—0; 1981—0; 1982—4; 1983—0; 1984—7. Total—11.

Bruce Berenyi 31

RHP, 6-3, 215 lbs., R-R
Born: 8-21-54, Bryan, OH; Resides: Sherwood, CA

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1976	Eugene (A)	3-1	4.78	12	11	0	0	0	49.	50	37	26	55	39
1977	Shelby (A)	10-8	2.30	25	21	7	2	0	145.	102	55	37	75	120
1978	Nashville (AA)	10-5	2.47	23	23	3	0	0	135.	107	44	37	63	103
1979	Indianapolis (AAA)	9-9	2.82	25	25	6	3	0	166.	134	64	52	98	136
1980	Indianapolis (AAA)	5-8	4.32	20	20	2	0	0	123.	111	66	59	100	121
1980	Cincinnati (NL)	2-2	7.71	6	6	0	0	0	28.	34	26	24	23	19
1981	Cincinnati (NL)	9-6	3.50	21	20	5	3	0	126.	97	55	49	77	106
1982	Cincinnati (NL)	9-18	3.36	34	34	4	1	0	222.1	208	90	83	96	157
1983	Cincinnati (NL)	9-14	3.86	32	31	4	1	0	186.1	173	92	80	102	151
1984	Cin-Mets (NL)	12-13	4.45	32	30	0	0	0	166.	163	93	82	95	134
Major League Totals		41-53	3.93	125	121	13	5	0	728.2	675	356	318	393	567

Gary Carter 8

C, 6-2, 210 lbs., R-R
Born: 4-8-54, Culver City, CA; Resides: Palm Beach Gardens, FL

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972	Cocoa (Rk.)	.239	18	71	6	17	3	0	2	9	8	11	1
1972	West Palm Beach (A)	.320	20	50	9	16	2	2	0	5	13	9	0
1973	Quebec (AA)	.253	130	439	65	111	16	1	15	68	63	92	5
1973	Peninsula (AAA)	.280	8	25	2	7	2	0	0	1	1	5	0
1974	Memphis (AAA)	.268	135	441	62	118	14	7	23	83	59	75	6
1974	Montreal (NL)	.407	9	27	5	11	0	1	1	6	1	2	2
1975	Montreal (NL)	.270	144	503	58	136	20	1	17	68	72	83	5
1976	Montreal (NL)	.219	91	311	31	68	8	1	6	38	30	43	0
1977	Montreal (NL)	.284	154	522	86	148	29	2	31	84	58	103	5
1978	Montreal (NL)	.255	157	533	76	136	27	1	20	72	62	70	10
1979	Montreal (NL)	.283	141	505	74	143	26	5	22	75	40	62	3
1980	Montreal (NL)	.264	154	549	76	145	25	5	29	101	58	78	3
1981	Montreal (NL)	.251	100	374	48	94	20	2	16	68	35	35	1
1982	Montreal (NL)	.293	154	557	91	163	32	1	29	97	78	66	2
1983	Montreal (NL)	.270	145	541	63	146	37	3	17	79	51	57	1
1984	Montreal (NL)	.294	159	596	75	175	32	1	27	106	64	57	2
Major League Totals		.272	1408	5018	683	1365	256	23	215	794	549	656	34

GWRBI: 1980—13; 1981—7; 1982—10; 1983—5; 1984—16. Total—51.

DIVISION SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Montreal (NL)	.421	5	19	3	8	3	0	2	6	1	1	0

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Montreal (NL)	.438	5	16	3	7	1	0	0	0	4	2	0

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1975	National, Milwaukee	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1979	National, Seattle	.500	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1980	National, L.A.	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1981	National, Cleveland	.666	1	3	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
1982	National, Montreal	.333	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
1983	National, Chicago (A)	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984	National, S.F.	.500	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
All-Star Game Totals		.385	7	13	3	5	0	0	3	5	1	0	0

Kelvin Chapman 11

INF, 5-11, 172 lbs., R-R
Born: 6-2-56, Willits, CA; Resides: Redwood Valley, CA

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976	Marion (Rookie)	.269	62	219	33	59	7	2	2	15	22	22	12
1977	Wausau (A)	.306	127	493	96	151	28	5	12	47	54	70	54
1978	Jackson (AA)	.266	131	488	84	130	23	5	8	42	56	74	41
1979	Mets (NL)	.150	35	80	7	12	1	2	0	4	5	15	0
1979	Tidewater (AAA)	.241	106	352	45	85	14	2	3	37	45	57	17
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	.211	81	232	30	49	6	1	2	19	21	25	4
1981	Syracuse (AAA)	.226	128	513	77	116	25	3	3	45	58	60	28
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	.280	101	329	53	92	13	2	5	40	43	42	25
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.274	72	223	41	61	8	3	4	28	36	35	14
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.275	12	40	4	11	2	1	0	6	9	8	2
1984	Mets (NL)	.289	75	197	27	57	13	0	3	23	19	30	8
Major League Totals		.249	110	277	34	69	14	2	3	27	24	45	8

GWRBI: 1984—3. Total—3.

John Christensen 35

OF, 6-0, 180 lbs., R-R
Born: 9-5-60, Downey, CA; Resides: Fullerton, CA

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	Shelby (A)	.334	125	440	100	147	24	2	22	97	75	53	21
1982	Lynchburg (A)	.323	8	31	7	10	1	1	0	4	2	2	3
1983	Jackson (AA)	.333	109	405	76	135	26	2	12	72	48	53	12
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.263	20	80	12	21	0	0	2	15	5	9	0
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.316	129	421	57	133	12	0	15	71	58	70	2
1984	Mets (NL)	.273	5	11	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	2	0
Major League Totals		.273	5	11	2	3	2	0	0	3	1	2	0

GWRBI: 1984-1. Total-1.

Ron Darling 12

RHP, 6-3, 195 lbs., R-R
Born: 8-19-60, Honolulu, HI; Resides: Millbury, MA

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Tulsa (AA)	4-2	4.44	13	13	2	2	0	71.	72	43	35	33	53
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	7-9	3.73	26	26	6	2	0	152.	143	76	63	95	114
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	10-9	4.02	27	27	5	1	0	159.	137	83	71	102	107
1983	Mets (NL)	1-3	2.80	5	5	1	0	0	35.1	31	11	11	17	23
1984	Mets (NL)	12-9	3.81	33	33	2	2	0	205.2	179	97	87	104	136
Major League Totals		13-12	3.66	38	38	3	2	0	241.	210	108	98	121	159

Sid Fernandez 50

LHP, 6-1, 220 lbs., L-L
Born: 10-12-62, Honolulu, HI; Resides: Honolulu, HI

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1981	Lethbridge (A)	5-1	1.54	11	11	2	1	0	76.	43	21	13	31	128
1982	Vero Beach (A)	8-1	1.91	12	12	5	4	0	84.2	38	19	18	38	137
1982	Albuquerque (AAA)	6-5	5.42	13	13	5	0	0	88.	76	54	53	52	86
1983	San Antonio (AA)	13-4	2.82	24	24	4	1	0	153.	111	61	48	96	209
1983	Los Angeles (NL)	0-1	6.00	2	1	0	0	0	6.	7	4	4	7	9
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	6-5	2.56	17	17	3	0	0	105.2	69	39	30	63	123
1984	Mets (NL)	6-6	3.50	15	15	0	0	0	90.	74	40	35	34	62
Major League Totals		6-7	3.66	17	16	0	0	0	96.	81	44	39	41	71

George Foster 15

OF, 6-1, 198 lbs., R-R
Born: 12-1-48, Tuscaloosa, AL; Resides: Greenwich, CT

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1968	Medford (A)	.277	72	253	47	70	9	5	3	30	28	20	3
1969	Fresno (A)	.321	121	449	68	144	5	8	14	85	37	59	1
1969	San Francisco (NL)	.400	9	5	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1970	Phoenix (AAA)	.308	114	403	54	124	18	6	8	66	41	57	1
1970	San Francisco (NL)	.316	9	19	2	6	1	1	1	4	2	5	0
1971	SF-Cin (NL)	.241	140	473	50	114	23	4	13	58	29	120	7
1972	Cincinnati (NL)	.200	59	145	15	29	4	1	2	12	5	44	2
1973	Indianapolis (AAA)	.262	134	496	77	130	26	1	15	60	44	109	4
1973	Cincinnati (NL)	.282	17	39	6	11	3	0	4	9	4	7	0
1974	Cincinnati (NL)	.264	106	276	31	73	18	0	7	41	30	52	3
1975	Cincinnati (NL)	.300	134	463	71	139	24	4	23	78	40	73	2
1976	Cincinnati (NL)	.306	144	562	86	172	21	9	29	121	52	89	17
1977	Cincinnati (NL)	.320	158	615	124	197	31	2	52	149	61	107	6
1978	Cincinnati (NL)	.281	158	604	97	170	26	7	40	120	70	138	4
1979	Cincinnati (NL)	.302	121	440	68	133	18	3	30	98	59	105	0
1980	Cincinnati (NL)	.273	144	528	79	144	21	5	25	93	75	99	1
1981	Cincinnati (NL)	.295	108	414	64	122	23	2	22	90	51	75	4
1982	Mets (NL)	.247	151	550	64	136	23	2	13	70	50	123	1
1983	Mets (NL)	.241	157	601	74	145	19	2	28	90	38	111	1
1984	Mets (NL)	.269	146	553	67	149	22	1	24	86	30	122	2
Major League Totals		.277	1761	6287	899	1742	277	43	313	1120	596	1271	50

GWRBI: 1980—16; 1981—13; 1982—6; 1983—12; 1984—7. Total—54.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972	Cincinnati (NL)	.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1975	Cincinnati (NL)	.364	3	11	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
1976	Cincinnati (NL)	.167	3	12	2	2	0	0	2	4	0	4	0
1979	Cincinnati (NL)	.200	3	10	1	2	0	0	1	2	4	3	0
Championship Series Totals		.242	10	33	7	8	0	0	3	6	5	9	1

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972	Cincinnati (NL)	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1975	Cincinnati (NL)	.276	7	29	1	8	1	0	0	2	1	1	1
1976	Cincinnati (NL)	.429	4	14	3	6	1	0	0	4	2	3	0
World Series Totals		.326	13	43	4	14	2	0	0	6	3	4	1

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1976	National, Philadelphia	.333	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
1977	National, New York (AL)	.333	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
1978	National, San Diego	.000	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
1979	National, Seattle	1.000	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
1981	National, Cleveland	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All-Star Game Totals		.273	5	11	3	3	2	0	1	5	2	2	0

Brent Gaff 45

RHP, 6-2, 200 lbs., R-R
Born: 10-5-58, Fort Wayne, IN; Resides: Churubusco, IN

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978	Wausau (A)	1-13	5.77	25	18	6	0	0	128.	159	106	82	68	71
1979	Wausau (A)	10-5	2.98	20	20	10	2	0	145.	147	71	48	48	99
1980	Jackson (AA)	8-10	4.34	25	25	6	1	0	157.	184	95	76	76	84
1981	Jackson (AA)	5-1	2.53	7	7	5	2	0	57.	48	18	16	13	27
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	9-5	2.94	23	21	7	0	0	147.	150	54	48	64	59
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	9-8	4.02	23	20	5	2	1	132.	142	63	59	41	83
1982	Mets (NL)	0-3	4.55	7	5	0	0	0	31.2	41	22	16	10	14
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	6-7	6.04	37	11	1	0	5	111.2	132	87	75	43	60
1983	Mets (NL)	1-0	6.10	4	0	0	0	0	10.1	18	9	7	1	4
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	3-1	4.26	4	4	0	0	0	25.1	28	16	12	5	13
1984	Mets (NL)	3-2	3.63	47	0	0	0	1	84.1	77	39	34	36	42
Major League Totals		4-5	4.05	58	5	0	0	1	126.1	136	70	57	47	60

Ron Gardenhire 19

INF, 6-0, 174 lbs., R-R
Born: 10-24-57, Butzbach, Germany; Resides: Wichita, KS

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	Lynchburg (A)	.296	70	277	36	83	13	3	4	27	21	45	9
1980	Jackson (AA)	.258	127	458	58	118	16	6	6	64	45	68	13
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	.254	125	414	52	105	17	8	2	40	28	61	28
1981	Mets (NL)	.271	27	48	2	13	1	0	0	3	5	9	2
1982	Mets (NL)	.240	141	384	29	92	17	1	3	33	23	55	5
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.287	102	387	63	111	20	6	4	39	34	55	9
1983	Mets (NL)	.063	17	32	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	0
1984	Mets (NL)	.246	74	207	20	51	7	1	1	10	9	43	6
Major League Totals		.235	259	671	52	158	25	2	4	47	38	111	13

GWRBI: 1981-0; 1982-3; 1983-0; 1984-0; Total-3.

Wes Gardner 27

RHP, 6-4, 195 lbs., R-R
Born: 4-29-61, Benton, AR; Resides: Bryant, AR

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Little Falls (A)	3-6	3.71	23	7	2	0	6	78.	73	48	32	29	77
1983	Lynchburg (A)	6-3	1.87	49	0	0	0	15	62.2	55	16	13	32	67
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	1-2	1.61	40	0	0	0	20	56.	40	11	10	19	36
1984	Mets (NL)	1-1	6.39	21	0	0	0	1	25.1	34	19	18	8	19
Major League Totals		1-1	6.39	21	0	0	0	1	25.1	34	19	18	8	19

John Gibbons 7

C, 5-11, 187 lbs., R-R
Born: 6-8-62, Great Falls MT; Resides: San Antonio, TX

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Kingsport (A)	.276	53	181	28	50	7	1	7	34	18	39	1
1981	Shelby (A)	.189	109	360	33	68	11	4	8	57	50	86	2
1982	Shelby (A)	.265	99	321	60	85	13	2	12	67	58	65	6
1982	Jackson (AA)	.278	6	18	1	5	0	1	0	3	1	5	0
1983	Jackson (AA)	.298	110	373	63	111	25	1	18	67	39	84	6
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.256	65	211	31	54	9	1	6	27	20	50	1
1984	Mets (NL)	.065	10	31	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	11	0
Major League Totals		.065	10	31	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	11	0

GWRBI: 1984—0. Total—0.

Dwight Gooden 16

RHP, 6-2, 190 lbs., R-R
Born: 11-16-64, Tampa, FL; Resides: Tampa, FL

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1982	Kingsport (A)	5-4	2.47	9	9	4	2	0	66.	53	34	18	25	66
1982	Little Falls (A)	0-1	4.15	2	2	0	0	0	13.	11	6	6	3	18
1983	Lynchburg (A)	19-4	2.50	27	27	10	6	0	191.	121	58	53	112	300
1984	Mets (NL)	17-9	2.60	31	31	7	3	0	218.	161	72	63	73	276
Major League Totals		17-9	2.60	31	31	7	3	0	218.	161	72	63	73	276

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1984	Natl., San Francisco	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.	1	0	0	0	3
All-Star Game Totals		0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.	1	0	0	0	3

Tom Gorman 29

LHP, 6-4, 200 lbs., L-L
Born: 12-16-57, Portland OR; Resides: Woodburn, OR

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980	Memphis (AA)	6-4	2.74	25	5	1	0	2	69.	64	34	21	22	45
1981	Memphis (AA)	12-9	3.07	52	0	0	0	22	91.	82	39	31	30	91
1981	Montreal (NL)	0-0	4.20	9	0	0	0	0	15.	12	7	7	6	13
1982	Wichita (AAA)	8-7	5.20	23	16	6	1	1	119.1	131	77	69	35	69
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	1-1	6.35	4	1	0	0	0	11.	12	8	8	4	6
1982	Mtl-Mets (NL)	1-1	2.76	8	1	0	0	0	16.1	16	5	5	4	13
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	6-1	2.92	10	8	1	1	0	61.2	54	25	20	18	58
1983	Mets (NL)	1-4	4.93	25	4	0	0	0	49.1	45	29	27	15	30
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	1-2	3.00	3	3	0	0	0	18.	17	8	6	4	13
1984	Mets (NL)	6-0	2.97	36	0	0	0	0	57.2	51	20	19	13	40
Major League Totals		8-5	3.77	78	5	0	0	0	138.1	124	61	58	38	96

Danny Heep 25

OF-1B, 5-11, 185 lbs., L-L
Born: 7-3-57, San Antonio, TX; Resides: San Antonio, TX

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978	Daytona Beach (A)	.340	66	212	29	72	18	2	2	24	50	25	0
1979	Columbus (AA)	.327	138	523	103	171	30	5	21	84	49	32	7
1979	Houston (NL)	.143	14	14	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	0
1980	Tucson (AAA)	.343	96	376	63	129	28	5	17	69	36	36	0
1980	Houston (NL)	.276	33	87	6	24	8	0	0	6	8	9	0
1981	Houston (NL)	.250	33	96	6	24	3	0	0	11	10	11	0
1981	Tucson (AAA)	.337	78	285	55	96	23	5	11	60	47	19	3
1982	Houston (NL)	.237	85	198	16	47	14	1	4	22	21	31	0
1983	Mets (NL)	.253	115	253	30	64	12	0	8	21	29	40	3
1984	Mets (NL)	.231	99	199	36	46	9	2	1	12	27	22	3
Major League Totals		.244	379	847	94	207	46	3	13	74	96	117	6

GWRBI: 1980—0; 1981—2; 1982—1; 1983—3; 1984—0. Total—6.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Houston (NL)	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Keith Hernandez 17

INF, 6-0, 195 lbs., L-L
Born: 10-20-53, San Francisco, CA; Resides: New York, NY

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1972	St. Petersburg (A)	.256	84	309	38	79	16	5	5	41	42	39	6
1972	Tulsa (AAA)	.241	11	29	5	7	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
1973	Arkansas (AA)	.260	105	388	62	101	20	2	3	52	49	53	8
1973	Tulsa (AAA)	.333	31	120	20	40	6	1	5	25	9	18	0
1974	Tulsa (AAA)	.351	102	353	67	124	18	6	14	63	48	50	0
1974	St. Louis (NL)	.294	14	34	3	10	1	2	0	2	7	8	0
1975	St. Louis (NL)	.250	64	188	20	47	8	2	3	20	17	26	0
1975	Tulsa (AAA)	.330	85	324	70	107	29	3	10	48	62	48	3
1976	St. Louis (NL)	.289	129	374	54	108	21	5	7	46	49	53	4
1977	St. Louis (NL)	.291	161	560	90	163	41	4	15	91	79	88	7
1978	St. Louis (NL)	.255	159	542	90	138	32	4	11	64	82	68	13
1979	St. Louis (NL)	.344	161	610	116	210	48	11	11	105	80	78	11
1980	St. Louis (NL)	.321	159	595	111	191	39	8	16	99	86	73	14
1981	St. Louis (NL)	.306	103	376	65	115	27	4	8	48	61	45	12
1982	St. Louis (NL)	.299	160	579	79	173	33	6	7	94	100	67	19
1983	StL-Mets (NL)	.297	150	538	77	160	23	7	12	63	88	72	9
1984	Mets (NL)	.311	154	550	83	171	31	0	15	94	97	89	2
Major League Totals		.300	1414	4946	788	1486	304	53	105	726	746	667	91

GWRBI: 1980-13; 1981-10; 1982-21; 1983-9; 1984-17. Total-70.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	St. Louis (NL)	.333	3	12	3	4	0	0	0	1	2	3	0

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1982	St. Louis (NL)	.259	7	27	4	7	2	0	1	8	4	2	0

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	National, Seattle	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1980	National, Los Angeles	1.000	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1984	National, San Francisco	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
All-Star Game Totals		.500	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

Clint Hurdle 13

C-INF, 6-3, 195 lbs., L-R
Born: 7-30-57, Big Rapids, MI; Resides: Merritt Island, FL

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1975	Sarasota (A)	.274	49	175	34	48	4	4	1	31	24	23	1
1976	Waterloo (A)	.235	127	429	89	101	22	5	10	89	18	112	1
1977	Omaha (AAA)	.328	129	442	85	145	35	3	16	66	96	61	6
1977	Kansas City (AL)	.308	9	26	5	8	0	0	2	7	2	7	0
1978	Kansas City (AL)	.264	133	417	48	110	25	5	7	56	56	84	1
1979	Omaha (AAA)	.236	68	220	30	52	13	0	6	29	49	42	2
1979	Kansas City (AL)	.240	59	171	16	41	10	3	3	30	28	24	0
1980	Kansas City (AL)	.294	130	395	50	116	31	2	10	60	34	61	0
1981	Kansas City (AL)	.329	28	76	12	25	3	1	4	15	13	10	0
1982	Cincinnati (NL)	.206	19	34	2	7	1	0	0	1	2	6	0
1982	Indianapolis (AAA)	.245	88	261	38	64	18	0	12	58	58	63	3
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.285	139	477	82	136	33	4	22	105	105	109	0
1983	Mets (NL)	.182	13	33	3	6	2	0	0	2	2	10	0
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.243	128	412	60	100	15	1	21	64	79	107	0
Major League Totals		.272	391	1152	136	313	72	11	26	171	137	202	1

GWRBI: 1980—5; 1981—3; 1982—0; 1983—0. Total—8.

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DIVISION SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1981	Kansas City (AL)	.273	3	11	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1978	Kansas City (AL)	.375	4	8	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	3	0
1980	Kansas City (AL)	.000	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Major League Totals		.300	7	10	1	3	0	1	0	1	2	4	0

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Kansas City (AL)	.417	4	12	1	5	1	0	0	0	2	1	1

Howard Johnson 20

INF, 5-10, 175 lbs., SW-R
Born: 11-29-60, Clearwater, FL; Resides: Clearwater, FL

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	Lakeland (A)	.235	132	456	49	107	9	6	3	49	69	85	18
1980	Lakeland (A)	.285	130	474	83	135	28	1	10	69	73	75	31
1981	Birmingham (AA)	.266	138	488	84	130	28	7	22	83	75	93	19
1982	Evansville (AAA)	.317	98	336	70	116	16	4	23	67	46	62	35
1982	Detroit (AL)	.316	54	155	23	49	5	0	4	14	16	30	7
1983	Detroit (AL)	.212	27	66	11	14	0	0	3	5	7	10	0
1983	Evansville (AAA)	.222	3	9	1	2	1	0	0	0	4	2	0
1984	Detroit (AL)	.248	116	355	43	88	14	1	12	50	40	67	10
Major League Totals		.262	197	576	77	151	19	1	19	69	63	107	17

GWRBI: 1982—0; 1983—0; 1984—8. Total—8.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Detroit (AL)	(Did not play)											

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	Detroit (AL)	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Ray Knight 22

INF, 6-2, 190 lbs., R-R
Born: 12-28-52, Albany, GA; Resides: Albany, GA

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1971	Sioux Falls (A)	.285	64	239	34	68	5	2	6	31	26	27	6
1972	Three Rivers (AA)	.212	97	302	25	64	8	1	2	35	21	41	2
1973	Three Rivers (AA)	.280	57	193	41	54	14	2	2	22	28	33	1
1973	Indianapolis (AAA)	.217	78	253	20	55	10	4	1	16	24	40	3
1974	Indianapolis (AAA)	.227	107	352	36	80	13	4	5	37	17	51	2
1974	Cincinnati (NL)	182	14	11	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	0
1975	Indianapolis (AAA)	.272	123	434	58	118	16	5	4	48	40	51	3
1976	Indianapolis (AAA)	.268	110	396	47	106	24	3	10	41	36	50	2
1977	Cincinnati (NL)	.261	80	92	8	24	5	1	1	13	9	16	1
1978	Cincinnati (NL)	.200	83	65	7	13	3	0	1	4	3	13	0
1979	Cincinnati (NL)	.318	150	551	64	175	37	4	10	79	38	57	4
1980	Cincinnati (NL)	.264	162	618	71	163	39	7	14	78	36	62	1
1981	Cincinnati (NL)	.259	106	386	43	100	23	1	6	34	33	51	2
1982	Houston (NL)	.294	158	609	72	179	36	6	6	70	48	58	2
1983	Houston (NL)	.304	145	507	43	154	36	4	9	70	42	62	0
1984	Hou-Mets (NL)	.237	115	371	28	88	14	0	3	35	21	43	0
Major League Totals		.280	1013	3210	337	898	194	23	50	385	231	364	10

GWRBI: 1980—12; 1981—7; 1982—11; 1983—8; 1984—2. Total—40.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	Cincinnati (NL)	.286	3	14	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	1

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	National, Los Angeles	1.000	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1982	National, Montreal	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All-Star Game Totals		.250	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Ed Lynch 36

RHP, 6-5, 207 lbs., R-R
Born: 2-25-56, Brooklyn, NY; Resides: Miami, FL

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1977	Sarasota (Rookie)	1-4	3.70	13	6	2	0	2	56.	61	31	23	15	36
1978	Asheville (A)	7-9	3.29	18	18	7	1	0	123.	122	55	45	33	79
1978	Tulsa (AA)	4-3	2.65	7	7	5	0	0	54.	61	25	16	14	44
1979	Tucson (AAA)	10-11	4.79	27	25	6	2	0	156.	184	95	83	37	65
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	13-6	3.15	24	24	11	0	0	163.	151	69	57	42	91
1980	Mets (NL)	1-1	5.21	5	4	0	0	0	19.	24	12	11	5	9
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	7-6	3.91	15	15	6	3	0	99.	93	46	43	29	54
1981	Mets (NL)	4-5	2.93	17	13	0	0	0	80.	79	32	26	21	27
1982	Mets (NL)	4-8	3.55	43	12	0	0	2	139.1	145	57	55	40	51
1983	Mets (NL)	10-10	4.28	30	27	1	0	0	174.2	208	94	83	41	44
1984	Mets (NL)	9-8	4.50	40	13	0	0	2	124.	169	77	62	24	62
Major League Totals		28-32	3.97	135	69	1	0	4	537.	625	272	237	131	193

Jose Oquendo 2

INF, 5-10, 156 lbs., R-R
Born: 7-4-63, Rio Piedras, PR; Resides: Rio Piedras, PR

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1979	Grays Harbor (A)	.227	64	220	24	50	8	0	1	14	33	45	9
1980	Lynchburg (A)	.169	109	301	38	51	10	3	0	26	47	59	14
1981	Lynchburg (A)	.249	124	393	59	98	8	6	0	38	71	61	38
1982	Tidewater (AAA)	.214	114	337	40	72	8	3	0	22	41	50	24
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.118	13	34	3	4	0	0	0	3	5	6	2
1983	Mets (NL)	.213	120	328	29	70	7	0	1	17	19	60	8
1984	Mets (NL)	.222	81	189	23	42	5	0	0	10	15	26	10
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.159	38	113	8	18	1	0	1	8	5	14	8
Major League Totals		.217	201	517	52	112	12	0	1	27	34	86	18

GWRBI: 1983—3; 1984—0. Total—3.

Jesse Orosco 47

LHP, 6-2, 185 lbs., R-L
Born: 4-21-57, Santa Barbara, CA; Resides: Santa Barbara, CA

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1978	Elizabethton (Rookie)	4-4	1.13	20	0	0	0	6	40.	29	7	5	20	48
1979	Mets (NL)	1-2	4.89	18	2	0	0	0	35.	33	20	19	22	22
1979	Tidewater (AAA)	4-4	3.89	16	15	1	0	0	81	82	45	35	43	55
1980	Jackson (AA)	4-4	3.68	37	1	0	0	3	71	52	36	29	62	85
1981	Tidewater (AAA)	9-5	3.31	46	10	0	0	8	87	80	39	32	32	81
1981	Mets (NL)	0-1	1.59	8	0	0	0	1	17	13	4	3	6	18
1982	Mets (NL)	4-10	2.72	54	2	0	0	4	109.1	92	37	33	40	89
1983	Mets (NL)	13-7	1.47	62	0	0	0	17	110.	76	27	18	38	84
1984	Mets (NL)	10-6	2.59	60	0	0	0	31	87	58	29	25	34	85
Major League Totals		28-26	2.46	202	4	0	0	53	358.1	272	117	98	140	298

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Natl., Chicago (AL)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
1984	Natl., San Francisco	(Selected, did not pitch)												
All-Star Game Totals		0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Ronn Reynolds 9

C, 6-0, 200 lbs., R-R
Born: 9-28-58, Wichita, KS; Resides: Wichita, KS

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Little Falls (A)	.182	15	44	6	8	1	1	1	8	10	8	0
1980	Lynchburg (A)	.200	36	105	14	21	3	0	2	17	13	17	0
1981	Jackson (AA)	.235	88	272	16	64	12	1	2	30	28	59	0
1982	Jackson (AA)	.255	123	431	50	110	13	1	10	42	50	66	9
1982	Mets (NL)	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1983	Mets (NL)	.197	24	66	4	13	1	0	0	2	8	12	0
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.211	40	128	8	27	8	0	0	9	6	27	0
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.261	90	280	35	73	11	0	11	46	17	55	0
Major League Totals		.186	26	70	4	13	1	0	0	2	9	13	0

GWRBI: 1982—0; 1983—0. Total—0

Rafael Santana 3

INF, 6-1, 160 lbs., R-R
Born: 1-31-58, LaRomana, DR; Resides: San Pedro De Macoris, DR

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977	Oneonta (A)	.261	60	157	26	41	5	0	0	23	19	19	5
1978	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	.258	131	431	37	111	8	5	0	35	29	63	4
1979	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	.263	133	472	62	124	9	6	0	41	36	53	12
1980	Ft. Lauderdale (A)	.226	51	168	20	38	2	0	1	17	23	12	4
1980	Nashville (AA)	.233	86	275	33	64	4	3	0	20	23	23	7
1981	Arkansas (AA)	.233	110	326	34	76	14	3	0	19	24	43	2
1981	Springfield (AAA)	.500	2	8	3	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	1
1982	Louisville (AAA)	.286	121	430	65	123	15	3	3	53	27	46	16
1983	St. Louis (NL)	.214	30	14	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
1983	Louisville (AAA)	.281	45	167	19	47	9	1	0	20	5	24	3
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	.278	77	255	34	71	6	0	1	23	11	19	10
1984	Mets (NL)	.276	51	152	14	42	11	1	1	12	9	17	0
Major League Totals		.271	81	166	15	45	11	1	1	14	11	19	0

GWRBI: 1983—0; 1984—2. Total—2.

Calvin Schiraldi 40

RHP, 6-4, 200 lbs., R-R
Born: 6-16-62, Houston, TX; Resides: Austin, TX

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1983	Jackson (AA)	3-3	5.82	7	7	0	0	0	39.	41	28	25	29	26
1983	Lynchburg (A)	4-1	4.45	6	6	0	0	0	30.	28	16	15	17	41
1984	Jackson (AA)	14-3	2.88	23	22	5	1	0	156.1	118	58	50	69	131
1984	Tidewater (AAA)	3-1	1.15	4	4	3	1	0	31.1	18	6	4	10	24
1984	Mets (NL)	0-2	5.71	5	3	0	0	0	17.1	20	13	11	10	16
Major League Totals		0-2	5.71	5	3	0	0	0	17.1	20	13	11	10	16

Doug Sisk 39

RHP, 6-2, 210 lbs., R-R
Born: 9-26-57, Renton, WA; Resides: Tacoma, WA

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980	Kingsport (Rookie)	8-5	2.66	15	15	4	0	0	98.	91	46	29	45	41
1981	Lynchburg (A)	3-2	3.25	36	1	0	0	7	83.	78	35	30	32	61
1981	Jackson (AA)	3-0	3.60	14	0	0	0	4	25.	23	11	10	12	15
1982	Jackson (AA)	11-7	2.67	44	9	6	0	5	138.	136	59	41	58	53
1982	Mets (NL)	0-1	1.04	8	0	0	0	1	8.2	5	1	1	4	4
1983	Mets (NL)	5-4	2.24	67	0	0	0	11	104.1	88	38	26	59	33
1984	Mets (NL)	1-3	2.09	50	0	0	0	15	77.2	57	24	18	54	32
Major League Totals		6-8	2.12	125	0	0	0	27	190.2	150	63	45	117	69

Darryl Strawberry 18

OF, 6-6, 190 lbs., L-L
Born: 3-12-62, Los Angeles, CA; Resides: Los Angeles, CA

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1980	Kingsport (Rookie)	.268	44	157	27	42	5	2	5	20	20	39	5
1981	Lynchburg (A)	.255	123	420	84	107	22	6	13	78	82	105	31
1982	Jackson (AA)	.283	129	435	93	123	19	9	34	97	100	145	45
1983	Tidewater (AAA)	.333	16	57	12	19	4	1	3	13	14	18	7
1983	Mets (NL)	.257	122	420	63	108	15	7	26	74	47	128	19
1984	Mets (NL)	.251	147	522	75	131	27	4	26	97	75	131	27
Major League Totals		254	269	942	138	239	42	11	52	171	122	259	46

GWRBI: 1983—11; 1984—8. Total—19.

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1984	National, San Francisco	.500	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
All-Star Game Totals		.500	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Rusty Staub 10

OF-1B, 6-2, 230 lbs., L-R
Born: 4-1-44, New Orleans, LA: Resides: Houston, TX

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1962	Durham (A)	.293	140	509	115	149	20	4	23	93	116	53	9
1963	Houston (NL)	.224	150	513	43	115	17	4	6	45	59	58	0
1964	Houston (NL)	.216	89	292	26	63	10	2	8	35	21	31	1
1964	Oklahoma City (AAA)	.314	71	226	55	71	13	1	20	45	44	32	1
1965	Houston (NL)	.256	131	410	43	105	20	1	14	63	52	57	3
1966	Houston (NL)	.280	153	554	60	155	28	3	13	81	58	61	2
1967	Houston (NL)	.333	149	546	71	182	44	1	10	74	60	47	0
1968	Houston (NL)	.291	161	591	54	172	37	1	6	72	73	57	2
1969	Montreal (NL)	.302	158	549	89	166	26	5	29	79	110	61	3
1970	Montreal (NL)	.274	160	569	98	156	23	7	30	94	112	93	12
1971	Montreal (NL)	.311	162	599	94	186	34	6	19	97	74	42	9
1972	Mets (NL)	.293	66	239	32	70	11	0	9	38	31	13	0
1973	Mets (NL)	.279	152	585	77	163	36	1	15	76	74	52	1
1974	Mets (NL)	.258	151	561	65	145	22	2	19	78	77	39	2
1975	Mets (NL)	.282	155	574	93	162	30	4	19	105	77	55	2
1976	Detroit (AL)	.299	161	589	73	176	28	3	15	96	83	49	3
1977	Detroit (AL)	.278	158	623	84	173	34	3	22	101	59	47	1
1978	Detroit (AL)	.273	162	642	75	175	30	1	24	121	76	35	3
1979	Detroit (AL)	.236	68	246	32	58	12	1	9	40	32	18	1
1979	Montreal (NL)	.267	38	86	9	23	3	0	3	14	14	10	0
1980	Texas (AL)	.300	109	340	42	102	23	2	9	55	39	18	1
1981	Mets (NL)	.317	70	161	9	51	9	0	5	21	22	12	1
1982	Mets (NL)	.242	112	219	11	53	9	0	3	27	24	10	0
1983	Mets (NL)	.296	104	115	5	34	6	0	3	28	14	10	0
1984	Mets (NL)	.264	78	72	2	19	4	0	1	18	4	9	0
Major League Totals		.279	2897	9675	1187	2704	496	47	291	1458	1245	884	47

GWRBI: 1980—4; 1981—4; 1982—4; 1983—3; 1984—3. Total—18.

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1973	Mets	.200	4	15	4	3	0	0	3	5	3	2	0

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1973	Mets	.423	7	26	1	11	2	0	1	6	2	2	0

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE, SITE	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1967	National, Anaheim	1.000	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1968	National, Houston	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1969	National, Washington	(Selected; did not play)											
1970	National, Cincinnati	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1971	National, Detroit	(Selected; did not play)											
1976	American, Philadelphia	1.000	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All-Star Game Totals		.600	4	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Frank Wills 38

RHP, 6-2, 200 lbs., R-R
Born: 10-26-58, New Orleans, LA; Resides: New Orleans, LA

YEAR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1980	Sarasota (A)	2-0	1.96	4	4	0	0	0	23.	18	7	5	8	20
1980	Charleston (A)	2-5	3.63	9	9	3	0	0	57.	59	33	23	32	48
1981	Jacksonville (AA)	9-14	3.98	27	27	11	1	0	192.	199	104	85	91	174
1981	Kansas City (AL)	(Did not play)												
1982	Omaha (AAA)	7-10	5.21	41	12	2	0	3	107.	110	71	62	81	77
1983	Jacksonville (AA)	5-2	2.48	8	8	2	0	0	54.1	44	19	15	23	40
1983	Omaha (AAA)	4-11	4.64	16	16	4	1	0	95.	96	56	49	45	65
1983	Kansas City (AL)	2-1	4.15	6	4	0	0	0	34.2	35	17	16	15	23
1984	Omaha (AAA)	7-4	2.81	15	15	2	1	0	89.2	75	32	28	49	69
1984	Kansas City (AL)	2-3	5.11	10	5	0	0	0	37.	39	21	21	13	21
Major League Totals		4-4	4.65	16	9	0	0	0	71.2	74	38	37	28	44

Mookie Wilson 1

OF, 5-10, 168 lbs., SW-R
Born: 2-9-56, Bamberg, SC; Resides: Lakewood, NJ

YEAR	CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1977	Wausau (A)	.290	68	245	50	71	10	2	6	32	33	57	23
1978	Jackson (AA)	.292	132	497	72	145	13	15	7	72	39	70	38
1979	Tidewater (AAA)	.267	141	529	84	141	22	10	5	36	45	91	49
1980	Tidewater (AAA)	.295	132	515	92	152	11	14	4	44	44	86	50
1980	Mets (NL)	.248	27	105	16	26	5	3	0	4	12	19	7
1981	Mets (NL)	.271	92	328	49	89	8	8	3	14	20	59	24
1982	Mets (NL)	.279	159	639	90	178	25	9	5	55	32	102	58
1983	Mets (NL)	.276	152	638	91	176	25	6	7	51	18	103	54
1984	Mets (NL)	.276	154	587	88	162	28	10	10	54	26	90	46
Major League Totals		.275	584	2297	334	631	91	36	25	178	108	373	189

GWRBI: 1980—0; 1981—2; 1982—5; 1983—6; 1984—7. Total—20.

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On Deck...

1. Jeff Bettendorf, RHP...Began '84 with Oakland after A's selected him in '83 Winter Draft...was returned to Mets in May and was 5-0 at Jackson and 4-8 at Tidewater.

2. Terry Blocker, OF...Mets' #1 pick in '81 draft... plagued by injuries in first full year at Tidewater...hit .220 and stole 12 of 15 bases.

3. Dave Cochrane, 3B...Hit .267 at Jackson with 22 homers and 77 RBI's...switch-hitter finished third in Texas League with 29 doubles, and homered from both sides of the plate in one game.

4. Len Dykstra, OF...Hit .275 with 53 steals at Jackson... led league with 100 runs scored...was M.V.P. at Lynchburg in '83 with record-breaking 105 stolen bases.

5. Barry Lyons, C...Hit .316 with 12 homers and 87 RBI's at Lynchburg, and was named M.V.P. of Carolina League...led Lynchburg to second straight league championship.

6. Kevin Mitchell, 3B...Hit .243 with 10 homers at Tidewater...promoted to Mets in September and singled off Steve Carlton on Sept. 19 for first major league hit.

7. Randy Myers, LHP...Went 13-5 at Lynchburg with 2.06 ERA, and struck out 171 batters in 157 innings... named Most Valuable Pithcer in league, and named to All Class-A All Star squad.

8. LaSchelle Tarver, OF...Finished second in Int'l League with .326 mark...led Tides with 36 stolen bases...has hit over .300 in each of his four minor league seasons.

Hall of Fame

Ralph Kiner, Bob Murphy and Lindsey Nelson, the three announcers who called Mets action from the inception of the franchise, were inducted into the Mets Hall of Fame on September 23, 1984.

Kiner, Murphy and Nelson worked as a trio for 17 seasons, becoming the longest-running three-man announcing team in major league history. Kiner and Murphy, of course, are still with the Mets, and 1985 represents their 24th consecutive season. Nelson departed after the '78 season and broadcasted games for the San Francisco Giants through 1981.

Ralph Kiner, who was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 1975 on the strength of a ten-year career in which he belted 369 home runs, began his announcing career in 1960 when he handled pre-and-post game shows during the World Series. In 1961 he worked behind the mike for the Chicago White Sox, and then joined the Mets the next year. Ralph has hosted the popular "Kiner's Korner" post-game show ever since the team's first year at the Polo Grounds.

Bob Murphy has had a long and illustrious career in broadcasting which began in his native Oklahoma. Bob was brought to the majors by Curt Gowdy, and the pair teamed on Red Sox broadcasts from 1954 through 1959. Following two seasons with the Orioles, Bob joined the Mets in 1962. Bob, also one of the industry's top football announcers, is currently the voice of the Mets on WHN and the Mets Radio Network.

Lindsey Nelson, with his colorful array of sports jackets opened each Mets' TV broadcast with the line— "Hello everybody, this is Lindsey Nelson along with Ralph Kiner and Bob Murphy from..." One of America's most prominent sports announcers, Lindsey broadcasts football for CBS-TV and has been the "Voice of the Cotton Bowl" for three decades.

Lindsey now lives in his native Tennessee and teaches at the University of Tennessee. He is the author of "Backstage at the Mets," a look at the club's early years, and his autobiography is soon to be published.

"These three men have been as synonymous with Mets baseball as anyone connected with the team," said Arthur Richman, Executive Director of the Mets Hall of Fame, "so it's only fitting that we induct the three of them into the Hall together. They have literally been the voices of history, spanning all the years with our team."

JOAN W. PAYSON
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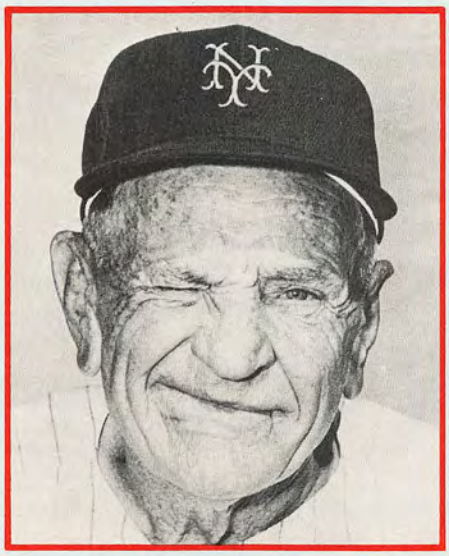

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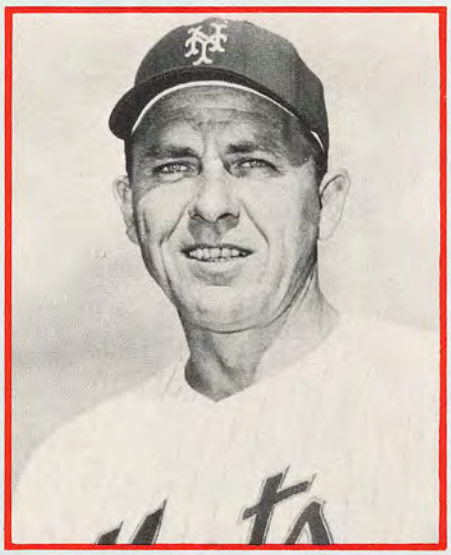

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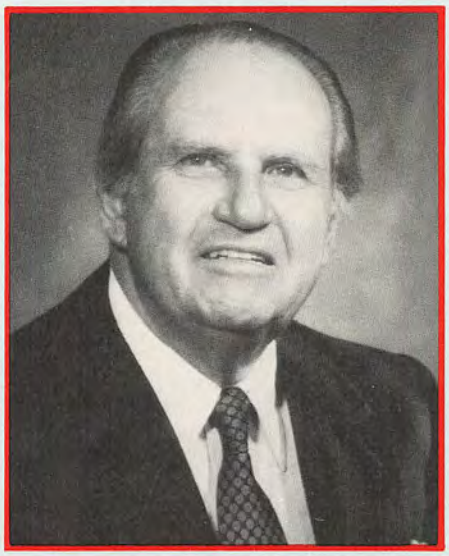

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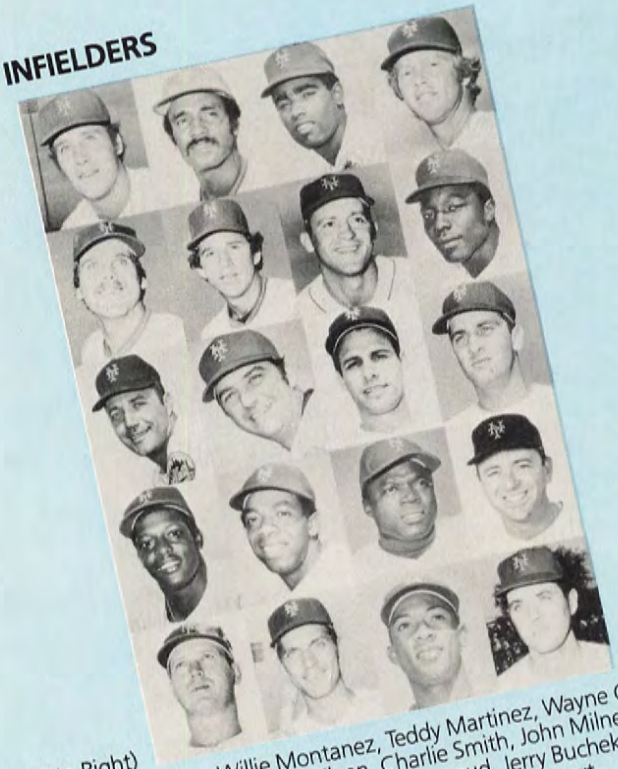

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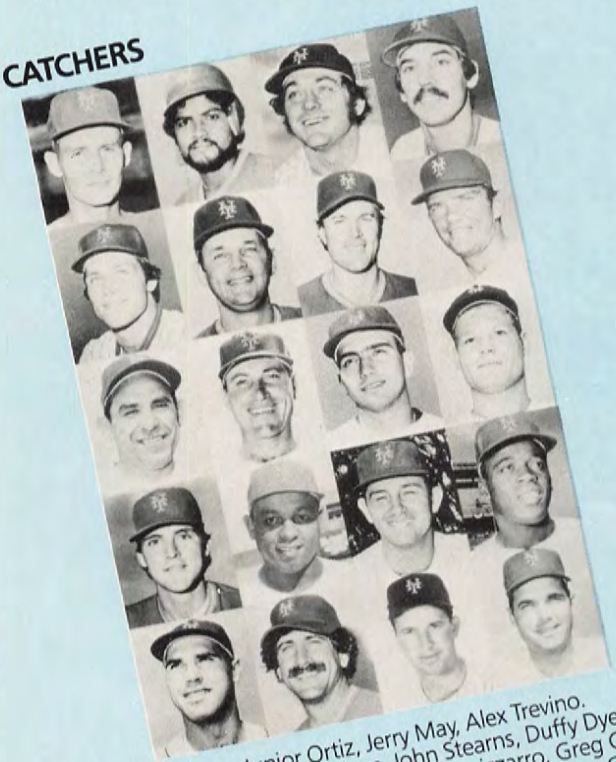

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5th Row: Hawk Taylor, Rick Sweet, John Stephenson, J.C. Martin.

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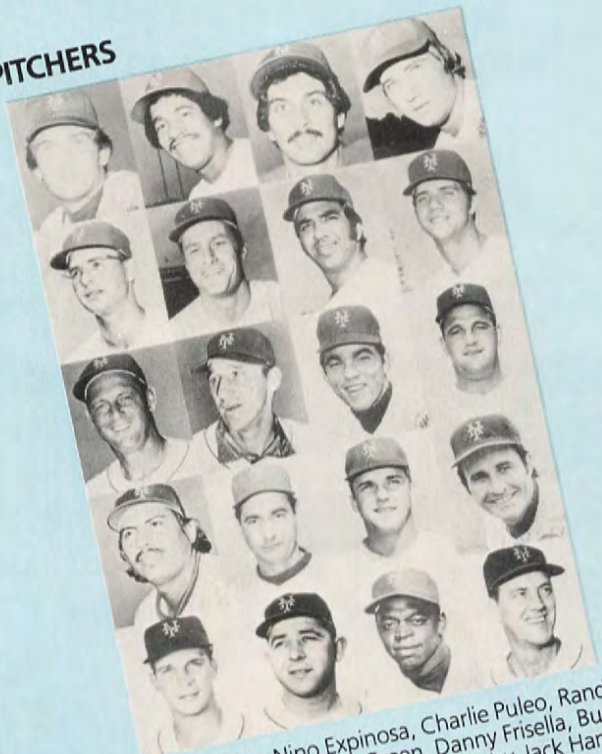
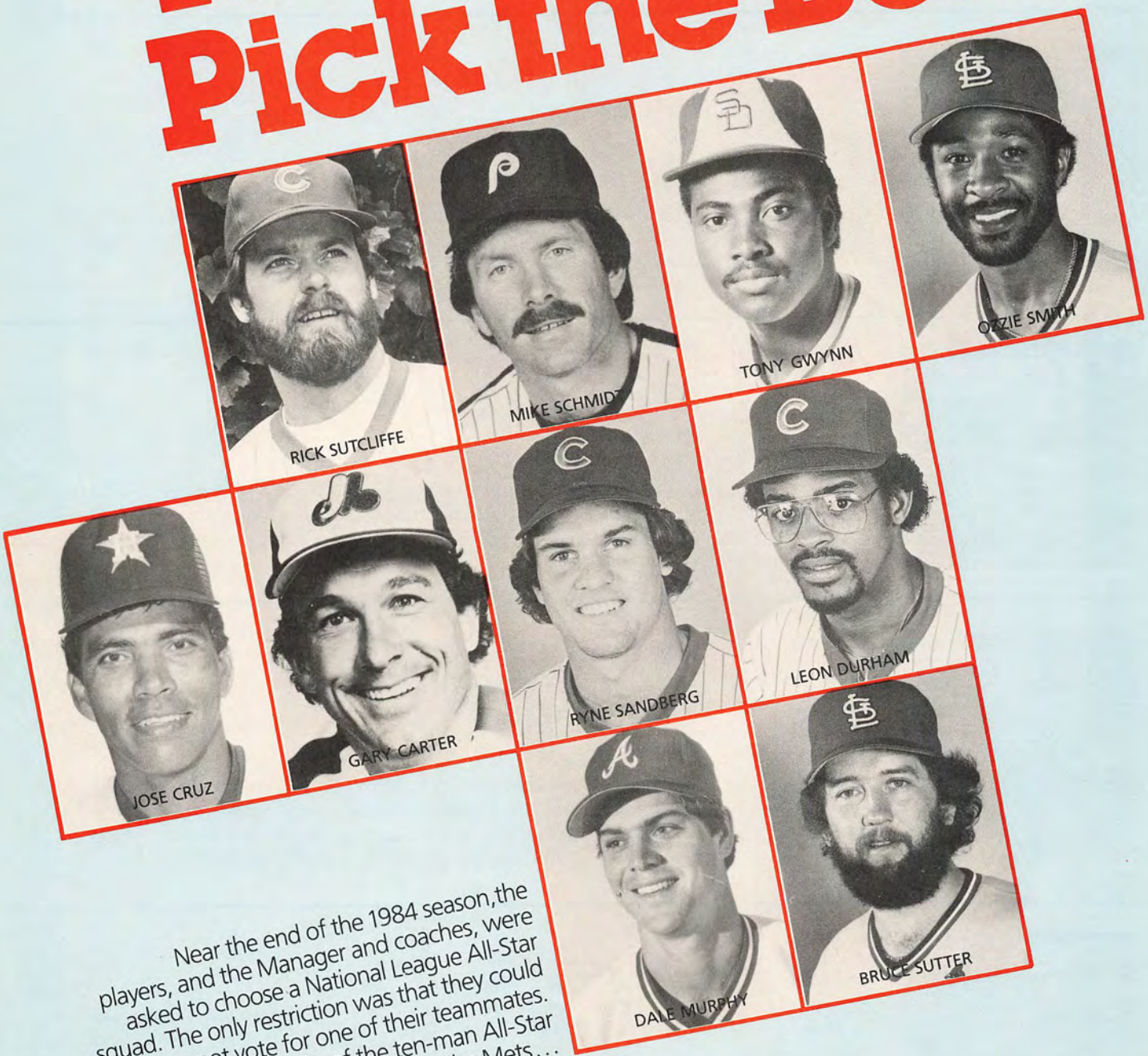


1st Row: Tom Hausman, Nino Expinosa, Charlie Puleo, Randy Tate.
2nd Row: Ken MacKenzie, Dallas Green, Danny Frisella, Buzz Capra.
3rd Row: Frank Lary, Warren Spahn, Gary Gentry, Jack Hamilton.
4th Row: Juan Berenguer, Ron Taylor, Tug McGraw, Jim McAndrew.
5th Row: Dennis Ribant, Galen Cisco, Al Jackson, Carl Willey.

The Mets Pick the Best



Near the end of the 1984 season, the players, and the Manager and coaches, were asked to choose a National League All-Star squad. The only restriction was that they could not vote for one of their teammates. Here are the results of the ten-man All-Star squad as chosen by the Mets . . .

The Mets Pick the Best

RICK SUTCLIFFE, RHP, Cubs (Starter)

	W-L	ERA	G	CG	IP	SO
Season	16-1	2.69	20	7	150	155
vs. Mets	3-0	2.61	4	2	31	28
Career vs. Mets	4-1	4.08	8	2	46	35

"Rick Sutcliffe is the most difficult pitcher in the league for me. He throws a number of pitches, which in itself keeps you off balance. Combined with his delivery, the jerky motion, he's very hard to time. It's tough to get a full swing against him, I end up hitting with just my hands and wrists." . . . Mookie Wilson

BRUCE SUTTER, RHP, (Reliever), Braves '84 With Cards

	W-L	ERA	G	SV	IP
Season	5-7	1.54	71	45	123
vs. Mets	0-0	0.93	6	6	10
Career vs. Mets	3-5	2.85	62	35	101

"I've played in the majors for over 20 years now, and quite simply, they don't come any better than Bruce Sutter. His success with his split-finger fastball has caused a change in pitching technique that will continue for a long time." . . . Rusty Staub

GARY CARTER, C, Mets '84 With Expos

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.294	596	175	27	106
vs. Mets	.328	67	22	4	13
Career vs. Mets	.304	556	169	24	87

"Gary wore out our staff last year. I think only three players is the league had more ribbies against us than Gary. He's just a great hitter; there's certainly no formula in pitching to him. We're just glad he's hitting for us this year, not the other way around." . . . Mel Stottlemyre

LEON DURHAM, 1B, Cubs

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.279	473	132	23	96
vs. Mets	.274	62	17	2	13
Career vs. Mets	.246	236	58	9	37

"I've been coaching for two years now and it's hard to find a better raw talent than Leon Durham. Last year he hit 23 homers and drove in 96 runs in 137 games. He's been bothered by injuries the last couple years, so if he can put together a healthy season, there's no telling what kind of numbers he'll produce." . . . Bobby Valentine

RYNE SANDBERG, 2B, Cubs

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.314	636	200	19	84
vs. Mets	.257	70	18	1	9
Career vs. Mets	.233	223	52	3	23

"Ryne Sandberg is a very smart hitter. He hits the ball where it's pitched so he hits well to all fields. Ryne can also hurt you in so many ways. He just missed becoming the only player to ever have over 200 hits and over 20 doubles, triples, homers and steals. That tells the story." . . . Doug Sisk

OZZIE SMITH, SS, Cardinals

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.257	412	106	1	44
vs. Mets	.237	38	9	0	2
Career vs. Mets	.224	281	63	0	20

"Everyone knows about Ozzie's fielding, and I had the pleasure to see it everyday. But people underestimate his hitting. Ozzie is always at a disadvantage hitting in the eighth position in the order before the pitcher. But he always kept rallies alive and did his job—rarely does a pitcher lead off the inning." . . . Keith Hernandez

MIKE SCHMIDT, 3B, Phillies

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.277	528	146	36	106
vs. Mets	.250	56	14	2	8
Career vs. Mets	.246	670	165	38	116

"Mike Schmidt is very tough to pitch to because he has the ability to hit the long ball, and he always seems to drive in the important run. If there's one hitter in the league that I don't want to face in a tough situation, it would definitely be Mike Schmidt." . . . Ron Darling

JOSE CRUZ, OF, Astros

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.312	600	187	12	95
vs. Mets	.400	45	18	1	5
Career vs. Mets	.296	466	138	8	50

"Jose Cruz has been baseball's best kept secret for years. He's one of the finest hitters in the league, but even more so, he's one of the best overall players around. He can beat you with his bat, he can run, and he's a good outfielder with a strong arm." . . . Ed Lynch

DALE MURPHY, OF, Braves

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.290	607	176	36	100
vs. Mets	.140	43	6	0	3
Career vs. Mets	.261	234	61	14	38

"Dale Murphy is a manager's ballplayer; he plays above and beyond the call of duty. He's an exceptionally good low ball hitter and he stays within himself. He can beat you defensively, as well as offensively, and he has the capability to hit it out to left, center, and even more so, to right field." . . . Bill Robinson

TONY GWYNN, OF, Padres

	AVG.	AB	H	HR	RBI
Season	.351	606	213	5	71
vs. Mets	.265	49	13	1	9
Career vs. Mets	.318	88	28	1	14

"Tony Gwynn is the kind of hitter I find difficult to pitch against. He can take practically any pitch to all fields so you never know what pattern to follow with him. He makes a pitcher work because he make contact on anything you throw." . . . Dwight Gooden

Broadcasters

Tim McCarver, Ralph Kiner and Steve Zabriskie

WOR-TV: WOR-TV channel 9, the Mets' TV outlet since the inceptionof the club in 1962, will televise 90 games in 1985. Ralph Kiner, Tim McCarver and Steve Zabriskie call the action.

SPORTSCHANNEL: The pay-cable outlet will cablecast 60 Mets games this season. Kiner and McCarver are joined by Fran Healy for SportsChannel games.

WHN 1050 Radio: For the third consecutive season, WHN Radio will air all 162 regular season games. Bob Murphy is joined by newcomer Gary Thorne for all the play-by-play action.

Bob Murphy and Gary Thorne

Fran Healy

Inside the Clubhouse...

(L to R):
Bob Sikes, Assistant Trainer;
Charlie Samuels, Equipment Manager; and
Steve Garland, Head Trainer.

Lady Mets

The Lady Mets Club, one of our longest running fan club organizations, combines an interest in Mets baseball with the opportunity to contribute to various charitable organizations. The Lady Mets sponsor several ballgame outings throughout the season and occasionally plan out-of-town baseball trips. Their Annual Christmas Party raises funds for selected charities; guests are also asked to bring toys to be distributed to underprivileged children. A highlight of this party is the Player Auction, where Mets representatives are on-hand to do the auctioneering.

Anyone interested in joining the Lady Mets Club should write for more information to: Lady Mets Club, Shea Stadium, Flushing, NY 11368.

Lady Mets Club Officers pose with toys at 1984 Annual Christmas Party at Shea. Gifts were donated to the LI-Jewish Medical Center and the Marines.

1985 Special Events

1985 Promotion Dates

Tuesday, April 9	Opening Day
Fri. & Sat., April 12 & 13	Calendar Weekend (All) (Snapper)
Sunday, April 14	"K" Day (All) (Eastman Kodak)
Sunday, April 28	Super Sundae (All) (Carvel)
Sunday, May 12	Mother's Day (Jhirmack)
Sunday, May 19	Mets Cap Day (All) (Baby Ruth & Butterfinger)
Saturday, June 8	Picnic Jug Day (16 & older) (Tobin's First Prize)
Sunday, June 9	Banner Day (Emerson)
Saturday, June 22	Nostalgia Night (All) (Manufacturers Hanover Trust)
Sunday, June 23	Helmet Day (15 & under) (Manufacturers Hanover Trust)
Wednesday, July 3	Fireworks Night (Sidari)
Sunday, July 21	Sports Bag Day (All) (Coca Cola)
Saturday, July 27	Adult Shirt Night (16 & older)
Saturday, August 10	Kids Shirt Day (15 & under)
Sunday, August 25	Back to School (15 & under)
Saturday, September 21	Poncho Day (16 & older)
Saturday, October 5	Fan Appreciation Day (All)

Kelvin Chapman, wearing special Mets cap to be given away to all fans on May 19, is flanked by Wally Backman in a New York Giants cap, and Ron Gardenhire in a Brooklyn Dodgers cap. Fans will have their choice of a Giants or Dodgers cap on Nostalgia Night, June 22.

1985 Mets
Ticket and Seating Information

In person

Advance Ticket Window, **Shea Stadium**, 126th Street and Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, New York 11368 (near Gate D). Opens on or about March 1. Monday through Friday 8:00 to 6:00, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 9:00 to 5:00. Phone (718) 507-TIXX. **Ticketron.** All outlets.

GROUP ORDERS

For Community, Civic, Social, Church, Booster Club and other Groups, send ticket orders to: N.Y. Mets Group Sales Department, Shea Stadium, Flushing, New York 11368. Phone (718) 507-TIXX.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Available for all occasions from Mets Ticket Dept., Shea Stadium, Flushing, New York 11368. Phone: (212) 507-TIXX.

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1985 HOME GAME TICKET PRICES

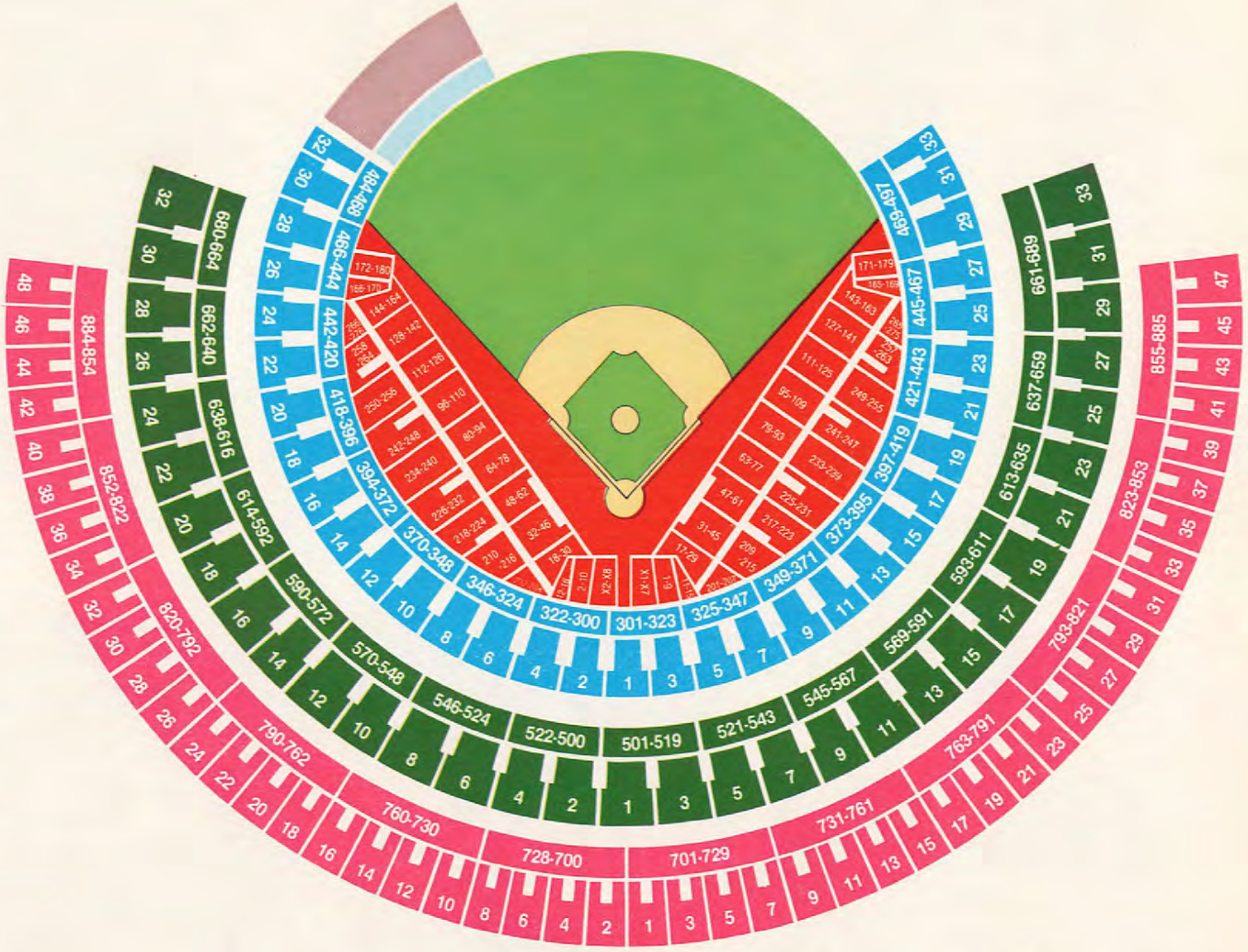
Box Seats	$9.00
Upper Deck Box	7.50
Loge and Mezzanine Reserved	7.50
Upper Deck Reserved	6.00
Picnic Area (groups of 75 or more)	7.00
General Admission (Day of Game Only) (Including N.Y. State Sales Tax)	4.00

By mail

Specify date of game or games and the NUMBER and PRICE of tickets desired. Make a check or money order payable to **NEW YORK METS.** Please do not send cash or stamps.) Add **$1.00** postage and handling charges. Mail to Mets Ticket Dept., Shea Stadium, Flushing, N.Y. 11368. You may ORDER NOW BY MAIL for any Mets home game as far in advance as you like. Tickets will be mailed well in advance of the games specified.

TIME OF GAMES–1985

Day Game	1:35
Doubleheader	1:05
TwiNight	5:35
Night Game	7:35
except Friday	8:05



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1985 New York Mets

Seated on ground (L to R): Head Trainer Steve Garland, Coaches Vern Hoscheit, Bill Robinson, Mel Stottlemyre, Bobby Valentine, Assistant Trainer Bob Sikes, Supervisor of Trainers Tom McKenna.

First Row: Wally Backman, Gary Carter, Ron Darling, Mookie Wilson, Keith Hernandez, Manager Dave Johnson, George Foster, Rusty Staub, Jesse Orosco, Darryl Strawberry, Ed Lynch.

Second Row: Asst. to the GM & Travel Director Arthur Richman, Bruce Berenyi, Howard Johnson, Kelvin Chapman, Danny Heep, Rafael Santana, Dwight Gooden, Ray Knight, Doug Sisk, Brent Gaff, Tom Gorman, Ron Gardenhire.

Third Row: Equipment Manager Charlie Samuels, Wes Gardner, Ronn Reynolds, Jose Oquendo, Sid Fernandez, Calvin Schiraldi, Clint Hurdle, Frank Wills, Kevin Mitchell, John Christensen, John Gibbons, Terry Leach, Asst. Equipment Manager John Rufino.

Fourth Row: Billy Beane, Terry Blocker, LaSchelle Tarver, Len Dykstra, Rich Pickett, Barry Lyons, Ed Hearn, Jeff Bettendorf, Dave Cochrane, Jeff Bittiger, Rick Aguilera, Bill Latham, Roger McDowell, Randy Myers.

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